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EMPHATIC STATEMENT BY SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

The landing of British Marines in the Pootung district of Shanghai was the subject of a question in the House of Commons. Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised that the Marines had occupied British property almost continuously since March for the purpose of protection.

"The protection of British property," added Sir Austen, "is an elementary right which the British Government intend to maintain in China wherever possible."

GENERAL DUNCAN'S VIEW.

Rugby, Yesterday. The landing of British Marines in the Pootung district of Shanghai was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said: "The Marines have occupied the British-American Tobacco Company's factory and other British property at Pootung for the purpose of protection almost continuously since March last. The guard at the Tobacco Company's factory was withdrawn in September to other quarters for about ten days. During this period a strike broke out, and the British and Chinese employees of the Company were threatened, and a launch was attacked by the strikers. The guard was, therefore, replaced at the request of the British Consul-General."

"On October 13 the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs protested against this replacement, alleging that the guard had been sent to interfere in the labour trouble. He was informed, in reply, that they were there only for the purposes of protection in accordance with the policy of the British Government."

"The protection of British property is an elementary right which the British Government intends to maintain in China wherever possible. The British Consul-General and Major-General Sir John Duncan consider the retention of the guard still essential. They will not be withdrawn so long as danger exists."—British Wireless Service.

Another Report. London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. S. P. Viant (Labourite, Willesden West), who suggested the withdrawal of the British Marines from the Pootung district of Shanghai, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised that the Government intended to maintain in China, wherever possible, the elementary right of protection of British property.

The British Consul-General and Major-General Sir John Duncan considered the retention of the guard still essential and they would not be withdrawn as long as any danger existed.—Reuter.

INDIANS IN U.S.

LOSS OF NATURALISATION RIGHT.

THE NUMBERS AFFECTED.

Rugby, Yesterday. Lord Winterton, Under Secretary for India, was asked how many Indians had lost their American citizenship under the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. He said that according to the Government of India's information the United States Court had cancelled naturalisation in about thirty cases. The whole matter was receiving the attention of the Government of India and of His Majesty's Government.—British Wireless Service.

COAL INDUSTRY.

MOTION OF CENSURE ON GOVERNMENT.

DEBATE TO-MORROW.

London, Yesterday. A Labourite motion of censure on the Government, sponsored by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, will come up on the coal industry debate in the House of Commons on Wednesday; the motion charges the Government with neglecting questions of distress and unemployment of miners. It demands immediate action to secure the efficient organisation of the industry and deal with the embarrassing condition of local relief authorities and the treatment of a vast number of miners on short time or out of work.—Reuter.

BRITAIN & AMERICA.

RENEWAL OF ARBITRATION TREATY.

NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Foreign Secretary was asked whether negotiations had been initiated for the conclusion of an arbitration treaty between Britain and the United States to replace the present treaty which expires next year. He replied that the renewal of the Arbitration Convention of 1908 was at present under discussion with the British Overseas Dominions.—British Wireless Service.

BLUE NILE DAM.

Discussion Carried A Step Further.

COMMISSION APPOINTED.

Co-operation Between African Dependencies.

London, Yesterday. Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons whether he had any further information on the reported concession by the Abyssinian Government to an American firm to construct a barrage on the Blue Nile near Lake Tsana and what was the present position of negotiations with the Abyssinian Government for the barraging of the Blue Nile by British or Anglo-Egyptian efforts.

The Foreign Secretary replied that he could only add to his previous statement in the House that by an exchange of notes between Sir John Harrington and Monsieur Menelik undertook that, other things being equal, preference would be given to the proposals of the British Government and the Government of Sudan and affirmed that he had no intention of granting any concession in respect of the Blue Nile and Lake Tsana to any one other than the British Government and Government of the Sudan or one of their subjects.

"As regards the second part of the question," said Sir Austen, "the present position is that on September 22 the Regent of Abyssinia addressed to Mr. C. H. Bentinck, the British representative at Addis Ababa, a reply to the proposal which the British Government had made to him last year. I have recently instructed Mr. Bentinck by telegram to address a note to Ras Tafari which will carry these negotiations a step further."—British Naval Wireless.

Greater Co-operation.

London, Yesterday. It was recently announced that the Government had authorised the Colonial Secretary to send a Commission to Africa to investigate the possibility of securing more effective co-operation between the Government of Eastern and Central African dependencies and to make recommendations on this and cognate matters. The Colonial Secretary has now constituted the Commission as follows:—Sir Hilton Young, Chairman; Sir Reginald Mant, Sir George Schuster and Mr. J. H. Oldham. Mr. Downie, of the Colonial Office, has been appointed Secretary.

The Commission will leave England on December 22 and will travel via the Nile to Uganda and thence to Kenya, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, visiting the chief centres and hearing the views of representatives of different sections of the community. The Commission will also visit Salisbury for the purpose of conferring with the Government of Southern Rhodesia. They will return from Capetown. Colonel Walker, Secretary of the Conference of East African Governors, will accompany the Commission on their tour through the east and central African dependencies and will be associated with Mr. Downie as local secretary to the Commission.

Commission's Personnel.

Sir Hilton Young, who is a Conservative Member of Parliament, has been Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and has served on financial missions for the British Government to India, Poland and Iraq. He was Chairman of the recent Royal Commission on Indian currency. Sir Reginald Mant has occupied many important financial posts in connection with the Government of India and was a member of the Commission on Indian currency. Sir George Schuster is Financial Secretary to the Sudan Government and is Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Colonial Secretary on East African Loans. Mr. Oldham is secretary of the International Mission Council and is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Colonial Office on native education in tropical Africa.—British Wireless Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

HANKOW TAKEN?

Nanking Faction's Flags Go Up.

PANIC NOT SUBSIDED.

British Citizens Advised To Take Shelter.

If Hankow has not been actually taken the city is due to change hands at any moment as the colours of the Nanking faction have been hoisted up already.

Predictions were made by observers during the week-end that the Nanking Government's punitive expedition will reach Hankow to-day.

Although the authority of General Tang Seng-chi has been

QUEEN'S REGIMENT.

Not To Be Moved To Malta.

Malta, Yesterday.

It has been decided that the 1st Batt. Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surreys) will not be moved from China to Malta.—Reuter.

eliminated, one or more generals are attempting to hold out for terms. Uneasiness is still felt as to the outcome and the panic has not subsided, causing barricades to be erected around all the foreign concessions which have been "restored" to Chinese jurisdiction.

Military developments from other zones are reported, favourable to the Nanking faction and allies.

COLOURS CHANGED.

Hankow, Before Nanking Army's Arrival.

Hankow, Yesterday. The colours of the Nanking Nationalists are now being flown on all public buildings and many others. The former Russian, German and British concessions which are

WUHAN EVACUATED.

Nanking Troops Converging On Hankow.

Hankow, To-day. On Monday evening General Ho Chien's troops evacuated Hanyang.

At present there are no troops in Wu-Han though it is reported that the vanguard of the Nanking troops are marching across country from Kichow to the South bank of the Yangtze and may enter Wu-chang to-morrow.

The situation in Wu-Han itself is of the quietest.—Reuter.

[A Reuter message on Sunday stated that General Ho Chien (of the 35th Nationalist Army) was holding Hanyang and Hankow, and that it was believed he was treating with the Nanking expedition.]

now special administrative areas have been put in a state of defence in the event of any attack. Troops are reported to be moving down the Yangtze from Shashi to Chenglin.—British Naval Wireless.

Troops From Up-River.

The Nanking Government uses the "blue sky, white sun" banner of the Kuomintang but so does the Hankow Government, each claiming to be the proper Nationalist authority. The reference in the above despatch to change of colours probably means the standards of the respective generals, flags of the Nanking leaders having gone up in place of those of General Tang Seng-chi. Shashi is 237 miles above Hankow. Here, troops antagonistic to Tang Seng-chi have been moving down the Yangtze endeavouring to co-operate with the Nanking expedition up-river.

Naval Expedition Too. Chinese cables confirm the departure of Tang Seng-chi from Hankow.

In addition to the troops closing in on Hankow, a naval arm from Nanking is also said to be well up the river.

There may ensue a race on Hankow by the Nanking generals,

BIAS BAY

British Representations Unavailing.

A VALUELESS LIST.

Canton's Scant Control Over Private Lairs.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Wellock, Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated that the Hong Kong Government had repeatedly made representations to the authorities in Canton, urging them to eradicate the Bias Bay pirates and offering co-operation.

A reply was received alleging that the pirates had their headquarters in Hong Kong and elsewhere, and a list of names was supplied to the Government of Hong Kong, but unfortunately it proved to be of no real value.

The activities of the Canton Government's Anti-Piracy Commissioner had up to now been nugatory. The Hong Kong Government invited the Canton Government to confer with a view to arranging a scheme of action. He was waiting the Governor of Hong Kong's observations on the report of the "Sunning" Piracy Commission.

He emphasised that the Hong Kong Government was most anxious to co-operate with the Chinese authorities in suppressing the pirates, but those authorities appeared to possess little, if any, control over the areas in which the pirate lairs existed.—Reuter.

in a competition to establish control before a colleague steps in. Advice to British Residents.

Rugby, Yesterday. Latest reports from Hankow show that although future developments remain doubtful the position to-day is easier.

The Municipal authorities have barricaded the former British Concession, and the police on guard have been considerably reinforced.

British residents in the Wu-Han cities have been advised to remove to within the Concession. Invaders Reach Outskirts.

In the native city yesterday there was considerable disorder, panic being increased by frequent shots fired by both soldiery and police, and by numerous incendiary fires.

General Ho Chien, who assumed control after General Tang Seng-chi's departure, is stated to be negotiating terms with Nanking forces who are on the outskirts of the city.—British Wireless Service.

WAGGON IN RIVER.

Nanking's Reinforcements Against the North.

Nanking, Yesterday.

Apparently to reinforce the expedition against the North, troops from the 22nd Nationalist Division have crossed to the North bank at Pukow.

Two steel covered waggons went with the troops. A third, which was to have gone, fell into the river whilst being shipped.—British Naval Wireless.

Gain of 50 Miles?

Pro-Nanking sources credit the Nationalists with further successes amounting to 100 miles north of the Yangtze, indicating a gain of 50 miles against the Northerners under Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.

7TH ATTACK.

Northern Cruisers' Sortie on Woosung.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Northern cruiser, "Hai Chi," and another ship paid a "lightning" visit yesterday morning, firing four shots at the Woosung forts and then hastily retiring. No damage was done.

Otherwise the situation here remains the same.—British Naval Wireless.

Approach to Shanghai. This is the seventh time within the last few months that the Northern warships have made a fruitless attempt to destroy the Woosung forts (at the junction of the Whangpoo with the Yangtze estuary) which guard the approach by sea to Shanghai.

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CANTON DAY BY DAY

Military Detachment Disarmed.

EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH.

Reported Delegation For Shanghai.

One detachment of the 5th Nationalist Army is reported to have been disarmed (according to a vernacular report) by troops of the 7th Nationalist Army, the latter being under the command of officers who staunchly support the present Canton Government.

The 5th Army is led by General Li Fook-lum, who holds the suburb of Honam, and who was recently ordered to send a portion of his command up the North River to await orders for attacking General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow. The units marked for active service have been waiting along the North River for some time.

Now comes the report of a reputedly weaker detachment being disarmed by a stronger force which enjoys the favour of Canton. It is stated that the 5th Army men refused to obey orders.

Ironsides Leave Canton. Another military development is reported which may have political significance.

Hitherto the Ironsides have not favoured the proposal by General Li Chai-sum (head of the Canton Government) to send an expedition against Hankow, and no detachment of the Ironsides has been sent North. On Sunday, however, a unit which included gunners and others left Canton on the Canton-Hankow Railway (Kwangtung section), causing a good deal of speculation as to the motive behind the departure.

Canton's Expedition. The commander of a division of the Ironsides is reported by a Canton vernacular paper to have been asked to leave. This is significant, as he is believed to be a sympathiser of his old chief, General Li Chai-sum, instead of General Chang Fah-hui, head of the Ironsides.

The field correspondent of a Canton news agency reports changes in the disposition of the expedition against Hankow. The 13th Army (comprising a few thousand Cadets) and the 16th Army (Yunnanese mercenaries) have both gone further North, towards the boundary with Hunan province.

General Wong Shiu-hung, the warlike Governor of Kwangsi, who is a staunch colleague of General Li Chai-sum, is expected back at Canton in a day or two.

A.P.C. Avenged. Kulo (at the entrance to Junction Channel, in the West River delta), near which the A.P.C. boat "Yuenling" was wantonly attacked by bandits recently, has been scoured by a battalion of Chinese troops from the 38th brigade. In a running fight, the bandits left behind a few rifles and five of their number, dead.

Official despatches between the two Kwang governments have been published throwing light on proposed joint measures to preserve the peace along the provincial boundary and adjacent points where banditti have been active. Defence units of the Cantonese army will be sent to garrison these parts.

WANG CHING-WEL

Passing Through Hong Kong To-day?

Mr. Wang Ching-wel, the leader of the Leftist politicians of the Chinese Nationalist Party, is leaving Canton almost immediately. A "China Mail" correspondent writes that Mr. Wang is likely to come down to Hong Kong to-day, or to-morrow, to tranship for Shanghai.

Mr. Wang's departure does not mean the eradication of Leftist influence from Canton politics. A series of incidents has occurred including the firm attitude shown by General Li Chai-sum, the defeat of General Tang Seng-chi by the Nanking faction—which has converted Mr. Wang to the belief that Canton is unsuitable for ambitious schemes of political significance.

Bound For Shanghai. General Chang Fah-hui, commander-in-chief of the Ironsides, is also reported as having come down here but he has been down in Hong Kong several times within the last few months. By an overwhelming majority, the Nationalists in general are

GREAT EXPLOSION.

20 Killed and 500 Injured.

DISASTER IN PITTSBURG.

A Huge Storage Gas Tank Explodes.

Pittsburg, Yesterday. Up to now it is estimated that 20 persons have been killed and 500 injured as the result of the explosion on the north side of the city of a huge storage gas tank containing five million cubic feet of natural gas.

Sections of the steel supports were hurled hundreds of yards away. Many people were knocked down in the streets by flying debris or cut by broken glass.

The Police commandeered motor cars and other vehicles the victims to the hospitals, three of which were soon crowded. Some of the victims staggered to the hospital and collapsed on the steps, being carried in by the attendants.—Reuter's American Service.

"Colossal Fireworks."

Pittsburg, Later. "The great steel gas tank rose hundreds of feet in the air like an enormous balloon, remained intact for an instant, and burst like a colossal firework. Hundreds of tons of steel hurled in the air," declared the Chief of the Fire Brigade.

Death and destruction spread over a mile square. Twenty-one bodies have been recovered, 600 persons have been injured, and dozens of others are missing.—Reuter's American Service.

MEDICAL MISSION.

BAN PLACED ON COMING TO CHINA.

INDIA'S GOVERNMENT'S REASONS.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. E. Thurtle (Labourite, Stretford), the Earl of Winterton, Under Secretary of State for India, stated that the reasons for the Government of India's refusal to grant facilities for the proposed medical mission to China were:—Firstly, the grant of facilities for a party of British subjects to serve even as non-combatants with one or the other contending factions in the civil war in China would likely be construed as a departure from His Majesty's Government's attitude of strict impartiality; and, secondly, in view of His Majesty's Government causing all British subjects to be advised to withdraw from the interior of China in order to avoid embarrassing incidents, it was impossible to allow a considerable party of British subjects to proceed to those parts of China where such incidents would have been most likely to occur.—Reuter.

favouring Shanghai as the venue of the grand reconciliation convention.

It is thought that Mr. Wang Ching-wel, possibly accompanied by supporters, may sail to-night on the "Empress of Asia" for Shanghai.

Gossip in Canton political circles is that General Li Chai-sum may also go to Shanghai to attend the convention but this sounds very unlikely. Mr. Wang is in the minority and his crying of Nanking has been of little avail.

Categorical Denial. A categorical denial has been issued by Mr. Wang Ching-wel with regard to the published speech which is quoted as having been made at the Whampoa Academy in which reference is made to his alleged negotiations for re-union with General Chiang Kai-shek. Unfortunately, Mr. Wang does not add what he did say, or point out which part of the reported speech was incorrect. His doing so will clear the air as to the intention of Chiang Kai-shek, who is now at Shanghai.

An organisation which has been notoriously extremist in political views has given a reception to Mr. Wang Ching-wel. This is the Luen Yee (seamen's) Society which formerly existed in Hong Kong. Mr. Wang Ching-wel is quoted as having delivered a long address at the Dr. Sun Yat-sen University, in which he recounted activities following the declaration by the Hankow Government against the Communists.

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E. A. LEGGATT,
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Shanghai v. Hong Kong.

November 22nd.
Malaya v. United Services.

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Shanghai v. United Services.

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a gold chain with a football medal
attached. From evidence heard it
appeared that the chain and medal
belonged to Sergeant Leach, R.A.,
who missed it one day last week
whilst on a journey from Stonecut-
ters with a party. Enquiries were
immediately made, and Sergeant
Woods stated that he had seen the
chain in the accused's hands. "A
search was made of the engine
room, and the missing trinket was
found on a shelf.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., who ap-
peared for the defence, denied that
the accused ever had possession of
the chain, and intimating that Ser-
geant Woods should have immedi-
ately made known the fact that the
accused had the chain in his pos-
session, his Worship found that
there was not sufficient evidence to
convict, and discharged the accus-
ed.

NORTH BORNEO.

**ANNIVERSARY OF CHARTER
DAY.**

Jessellton, Nov. 2.
Charter Day, the anniversary of
the granting of a Royal Charter to
the British North Borneo Company
was celebrated on November 1. At
Jessellton the Armed Constabulary
under the command of Honourable
Captain W. C. Adams, M.C., paraded
with colours and His Excellency
the Governor, Mr. J. L. Humphreys,
C.B.E., inspected the parade and
took the salute.

We have seen many a Charter
Day parade in our time but never
one in which the Constabulary ac-
quitted themselves so well. The
marching was excellent and the ap-
pearance of the men very smart. A
great part of the Force has recently
been armed with the modern army
rifles and these were seen for the
first time on parade on this occa-
sion. On Charter Day in 1925 it
was impossible to hold a parade at
all owing to the flooded state of the
ground and this year very heavy
rains fell for several days before
but fortunately the ground, though
very wet, was fit to be used.

In the afternoon Capt. Adams and
the officers of the Armed Constabu-
lary were at home for an athletic
sports meeting which, between
showers, went off extremely well.
Unfortunately all pony events had
to be cancelled as the ground was
too wet and slippery to be safe.
His Excellency the Governor attend-
ed the sports and presented prizes
to the winners.

In the evening His Excellency the
Governor gave a dance which was
attended by a large number of
guests.

The Chartered Company is now
within five years of its Jubilee and
if the present rate of progress and
development is maintained we may
look forward to flourishing condi-
tions in North Borneo when the
time comes to celebrate the end of
50 years of British protection and
administration.—"Singapore Free
Press."

OLDEST WOMAN.

**"GREAT FRIEND" OF
EX-KAISER.**

Mrs. Sarah Collins, of Shilling-
ton Street, Battersea, who has
celebrated her 106th birthday and
is claimed to be the oldest woman
in England, has a poor opinion of
modern girls.

"Girls who go about with skirts
up to their knees and their hair cut
like a man's and a cigarette danc-
ing from their lips ought," she
said, "to be smacked and put to
bed."

"Hard work and little drinking is
the way to live long. I have had
to work hard all my life.

"I was a waitress at Buckingham
Palace, and I have shaken hands
with the ex-Kaiser, Queen Victoria,
the Prince Consort, and King Ed-
ward." The ex-Kaiser was a great
friend of mine. He often talked to
me, and he was a nice man,
generous and kind.

"I was sorry when I was told we
were at war with Germany, because
I was fond of the Kaiser."

"Queen Victoria was a perfect
little lady, but my favourite was
King Edward. He was always so
jolly and pleasant. Several times
he stopped to ask me if I was happy
when I was working at the Palace."

Mrs. Collins then talked of aero-
planes. "Someone offered to take
me up in an aeroplane a year or
two ago," she said, "but I don't
hold with such things. It doesn't
seem natural to fly in the air like
a bird. Horses are much nicer."

The Lane Duck!
Add to this the unceasing war, the
depreciation of currency in areas
controlled by the military—practi-
cally the whole of China—and the
backwardness of China industrially
is accounted for without the econo-
mically unsound theories advanced
in the "San Min Chu Yi." China is
the lame duck in the world's mer-
chant fleet, and as she lags behind
she delays the forward movement
of the rest of the convoy.

RICSHA COSTS.

**A BEARING ON MODERN
CIVILISATION.**

COMPARISON WITH THE WEST.

In an editorial on November 7
the "North China Daily News"
says:—
At a lecture, given on Wednes-
day to the Union Church Literary
and Social Guild, the Rev. Stanley
H. Keen C.F. said that he had learn-
ed that there were 20,000 rishas
plying for hire in Shanghai. He
reckoned that this was a sufficient
number to provide seating accom-
modation for the whole British De-
fence Force and have a number
of vehicles left over to serve as
baggage transport. If, he con-
tinued, the whole force had been
transported by risha to the moon,
the risha travelling twelve miles
per day and being charged for at
the rate of ten cents per mile then
the cost of the journey would have
been 2,400,000 cents or per 2,400
risha and the time occupied
20,000 days or nearly 55 years.
This was an amusing and interest-
ing illustration and it sets us
thinking of the comparative cost of
travel by the humble risha and of
other more pretentious modes of
conveyance.

Shanghai to London.
To modify the analogy and bring
it down to something more within
the ambit of everyday experience,
let us take the comparative cost of
a journey from Shanghai to London
by risha or by the ordinary
steamer. The distance is, say,
10,000 miles, the cost of our risha
10 cents per mile. The cost of our
journey, then, is 100,000 cents or
\$100 and the time occupied at the
rate of twelve miles per day 833
days or two years and three months.
The same journey would be done by
steamer in forty days at a like cost
of \$100, but the steamer would pro-
vide board and lodging en route and
carry the traveller's baggage free
of any additional charge. No one
would venture on the risha journey
without some luggage, and however
exiguous his impedimenta might be
it would, certainly, need another
risha to transport it. The dura-
tion of the journey, too, would be
lengthened by rainy days when
movement would be impossible and
the tourist would be obliged to take
his ease in such inns as the road
afforded. There would be rivers to
cross and deserts to traverse; the
inevitable delays of such a journey
which would add to the days and
multiply the expense. We have not
allowed our traveller any funds for
road expenses; nothing but his bare
risha fare without even a cunbha
to give the coolie at the end of his
10,000 miles run. He has to pay
two risha coolies \$100 each and his
own and their road expenses for a
period of more than two years; he
will be lucky if he gets on with a
clear \$300 for the cost of his per-
sonally conducted tour. This is
reckoning travelling expenses at the
very moderate cost of native inns
in the territory through which he
would pass; an economy that is
more than offset by the discomfort
imposed on their patrons.

A Contrast.
Dr. Hu Shih, the well known
Chinese scholar, addressed the
Union Club in Shanghai some time
ago and contrasted the civilisation
of his native land with that of the
West from which he had recently
returned. He said the Chinese was
a risha civilisation while the
West had a motor car civilisation.
In other words, the civilisation of
China was based on man-power that
of the West on mechanism. This is
a very true distinction, and the
point of this article is to show that
a man power civilisation is an ex-
pensive civilisation and that a man
cannot compete with a machine.
Up to the present China, in her in-
dustrial competition with other
nations, has been a valuable asset
in the cheapness of her man power.

Yellow and White Money.
Many years ago Mr. W. T. Stead
wrote a striking article in the "Re-
view of Reviews" in which he con-
trasted the white man with his
yellow money and the yellow man
with his white money and gave it his
opinion that, in an industrial strug-
gle, the yellow man was bound to
win in the long run. He based this
contention on the cost of labour in
the East and in the West. The
wages of a workman in China he
looked to be two pence per day.
With this as the chief factor in
his calculation the conclusion
that the yellow man would win was
inevitable.

The cost of living and the price
of labour has increased, since Mr.
Stead's day both in the East and in
the West. But while this factor
has been doubled in the West it
has been multiplied by five in the
East. The discrepancy between the
cost of producing a manufactured
article in China and in other lands
is not nearly so great as it used to
be. The Chinese manufacturer is
being handicapped, as much as his
competitor in the West, by the high
cost of labour and by the incidence
of strikes. But he is infinitely more
severely handicapped by the lack of
transportation facilities, the inade-
quacy of the railways, the hopeles-
ness of the roads, the silted up
waterways; in short, the risha
civilisation in which he is situated.

The Lame Duck!
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**ANOTHER DELIGHTFUL SHOW
IN KOWLOON.**

A WARM RECEPTION.

Mr. Charles Chamier's Company
"Our Cabaret," which opened on
Sunday night at the Star Theatre,
Kowloon, with a new revue en-
titled "Hey, Hey," were last night
again "received" with that same
warm enthusiasm that was shown
on the occasion of their last visit
here in August.

Messrs. Charles Mason and Billy
Bray, the two excellent comedians,
as usual kept the audience in a con-
tinuous ripple of laughter.
"Miss Muriel Varna is also a
comedy artist of very high merit
and her extremely funny songs were
received with every evidence of en-
joyment. She also appeared with
success in "Honeymoon Hall."

Mr. Charles Mason, although ap-
pearing very early in the pro-
gramme, gave that necessary
fillip to the proceedings,
and his new song, "Knock
at the Door and Walk In," will be

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a popular feature of the new
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with the Royal Italian Opera
Company and she has a voice
of great range and beauty.

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fair to even out rival his famous
"Banana" song.

Billy Bray, with his charming
and piquant partner, Miss J. J.
Wrenn, appeared in an original and
extremely clever "double turn."

This item, which concluded with a
most novel dance, was one of the
features of the evening.

Mr. Bray has some excellent new
material in which he again appears
as the "one over the eight." He
gives a finished and extremely
clever representation of the in-
ebriated dandy. His items are ex-
traordinarily funny and at the
same time in the very best of taste.

The sisters Vivienne, together
with Miss Aileen Woods, appeared
in an Eastern scene.

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WAKASA MARU ... Thursday, 24th November.

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**SHIPPING SECTION.****SHIPPING.****TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.****THIS MORNING'S LIST.**

Kiungchow (1,546) British, from Bangkok.—B. & S.—13 passengers, 1,500 tons general cargo from Hong Kong.

Hong Hwa (1,924) British, from Penang, Singapore.—Seng Soon Hong—1,000 passengers, 150 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 90 tons general (through).

Empress of Asia (8,883) British, from Manila.—C.P.S. Ltd.—220 passengers, 192½ tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 368 tons general (through).

Hop Sang (1,359) British, for Canton.—Jardine's.

Linan (1,856) British, from Shanghai, Amoy.—B. & S.—55 passengers, 540 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 768 tons general (through).

Suiyang (1,594) British, from Canton.—B. & S.—150 tons general cargo (through).

Kiangsu (1,555) British, from Bangkok, Swatow.—B. & S.—4 passengers, 653 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Chak Sang (1,470) British, from Taingto, Swatow.—Jardine's—6 passengers, 350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,200 tons general (through).

Jadden (5,259) American, from New Orleans, Amoy.—Admiral Oriental—2,735 tons general cargo and gasoline for Hong Kong, 160 tons general and gasoline (through).

Romolo (6,015) Italian, from Yokohama, Shanghai.—Dodwell & Co.—16 passengers, 39 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 830 tons general (through).

Ryui Maru (3,392) Japanese, from Milke.—Yamashita K. K.—4,207 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao.—Hoo Hing S.N. Co.—60 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hung On (2,097) Chinese, from Canton.—Wing On & Co.

Departures.
For Swatow.—Ying Chow, Hydrangea.

For Canton.—Shun Lee, Chak Sang, Dell Maru.

For Moji.—Cheribon Maru.

For Whampoa.—Roko Maru.

For Hongkong.—Shansi.

For Amoy.—Suiyang.

For Macao.—Tak Hing.

For Shanghai.—Hakusan Maru.

For Saigon.—Tinhov.

For Manila.—Pres. Lincoln.

For Takao.—Altai Maru, Carnarvonshire.

For Calcutta.—Heiran.

Clearances.
For Singapore.—Romolo.

For Manila.—Tai Ping.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals Departures Port In

British 8 7 20

Japanese 1 6 4

Chinese 2 2 14

American 1 1 3

Italian 1 0 1

Norwegian 0 0 2

Panama 0 0 1

Dutch 0 0 5

Portuguese 0 0 2

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DESTITUTE SEAMAN.**ALLEGATIONS AGAINST BROTHER OFFICERS.**

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Sub-Inspector Elston made an application to Major C. Willson for an order to have Herbert Ray Norrington, a British seafaring man, committed to the House of Detention, as he is destitute and has no means of support.

According to the Inspector, Norrington was an engineer officer on a Butterfield & Swire ship, and he claims to have been loyal to the Company during the whole of the recent ships' officers' strike. After the strike, he alleged that the other officers made things "hot" for him on board his ship and he was forced to resign. Since then he had been offered other jobs, but was unable to keep them chiefly on account of the actions of the other officers.

The Inspector said that apparently Norrington had a good character, and an effort was now being made to secure for him a job on a ship going to Europe.

The Magistrate made an order for Norrington to go to the House of Detention in the meantime.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning: South Wall Basin, Tarantula; East Wall Basin, Subs. L4, L15, and L19; North Arm, Marazion, Titania, L2, L3, L7 and L8; West Wall Dock, Somme and Kharki; In Dock, Thracian, Sepoy and L20; Talook Dock, Witherington, Peterel and Tern; Kowloon Dock, Wivern and Veteran; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 5, U.S.S. Gold Star; Buoy 7, Durban; Buoy 8, Ambrose and L1, L5, L27 and L33; Buoy 9, Herald; Buoy 10, Magnolia; Buoy 11, Serapis; Buoy 12, Sterling and Stormcloud; Buoy 13, Bruce; Buoy 20, Franco and Belgol; Buoy A26, Ruthenia; West of Buoy 20, Fortol; also in port, U.S.S. Pampanga and French Vigilante.

ACCIDENT AT TAIKOO.

A Chinese electrician employed at the Talkoo Dockyard was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from internal injuries as the result of being struck by a heavy cable whilst docking a ship.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Porthos" are requested by the Agent to send in all claims before November 18.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Venezia" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after November 18.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benvorlich" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after November 19.

SOVIET MARINE.**RULING IN IMPORTANT CASE.**

International law is in the making in China to-day, when Judge John C. H. Wu of the Shanghai Provisional Court pronounced his judgment in the Rizaef Freres v. Soviet Mercantile Fleet case, holding that Government property of a friendly nation is exempt from local jurisdiction and declining a final hearing in the case. The judgment runs to many pages and is written in a very scholarly manner, full of citations from European and American authorities in support of his holding.

The learned judge, after careful considerations, held that it would be contrary to the principles of International Law which form part of the common law of China, should the Provisional Court assume jurisdiction over the case and decided that matters of such nature are more political and diplomatic than judicial and cannot be settled in a judicial tribunal. On the strength of these arguments, Judge Wu upset the ruling of the former International Mixed Court, admitting jurisdiction and dismissed the petition of the plaintiff for a rehearing.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on November 21 at 7 a.m.

The B. I. & Apcar Line s.s. "Talamba" left Amoy for this port yesterday evening, and is due here to-morrow evening at p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" leaves for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada," arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 3 p.m. left Yokohama today at 9 a.m. and is due at Hong Kong on November 22. She will sail for Manila on Wednesday, November 23 at 5 p.m.

The s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) is due to sail from Sydney on November 10, and is expected here on or about December 4.

The E. & A. Company's s.s. "St. Albans" left Sydney for this port on November 12 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on December 5.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Trieste on October 24, and is expected to arrive here on December 8.

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SANTOS MARU ... Friday, 2nd December.

MANILA MARU ... Saturday, 31st December.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

INDO MARU ... Sunday, 20th November.

SHINNOH MARU ... Thursday, 24th November.

CELEBES MARU ... Sunday, 4th December.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU ... Thursday, 1st December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU ... Friday, 25th November.

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AFRICA MARU (From Kobe) ... Tuesday, 22nd November.

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MENADO MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd November, 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU ... Tuesday, 6th December, 10 a.m.

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QUESTION OF EQUALITY.

The exhaustive and impressive analysis made by the Hon. Mr. C. Everitt in the Straits Legislative Council of the estimated defence contribution for 1928 surely merited more attention from the Government benches than the rather perfunctory acknowledgment of the Colonial Secretary. All that the Hon. Sir Hayes Marriott had to say was that the matter might safely be left in the hands of the Colonial Office at Home. It may be, of course, that the Colonial Secretary received some inside information during his sojourn in England as to action to be taken by the Colonial Office. He did not, however, allow a hint of it to appear in his reply and, though the Colony is glad to receive his assurance that the Colonial Office will prove so doughty a champion of its rights, it would infinitely prefer a more detailed account of the manner in which its money is to be spent.

Undue Exactions.

Singapore has had to suffer before from undue exactions on the part of the Imperial Government, and though we do not suggest that the time is ripe for an imitation of the wholesale resignations by unofficial members which occurred in 1894, it is well to remember that the subsequent adjustment in the contribution of the Colony was due to the active campaign then inaugurated by the Straits Settlements Association. The adjustment in effect recognised the justice of Mr. Sheppard's protest "as a gross injustice against being called upon to pay for the protection of what is practically wholly and entirely the British commerce and trade which passes through these waters to other ports." To-day, as a result of an Imperial decision of great moment, dictated by reasons of high strategic policy, Singapore is in process of conversion—in Mr. Everitt's phrase—to an Eastern Gibraltar. She has given land for the naval base as a free gift to the Imperial Government. The Sultans of the Federated Malay States have generously made a contribution of £2,000,000 to the scheme. And now there are very strong grounds for the suspicion that the Colony is being made to pay, not only the expenses of the garrison which defends it, but also for the largely increased land, sea and air forces which will be required for the defence of the base.

Queer Reasoning.

Let us follow Mr. Everitt for a moment. The War Office, he tells us, had been asked for a detailed explanation of the increase of \$1,150,000. It replies that £80,000 is an account of purchase of land, £52,000 for a new work and £10,500 for new armaments. Since no new clouds of surpassing blackness loom upon the international horizon we may assume that the existing garrison is still deemed adequate for the defence of the Colony and coaling station. Is it proposed to spend £80,000 on providing that garrison with a new parade ground? Is £52,000, asked Mr. Everitt, to be spent in re-roofing the officers' mess at Tanglin Barracks and in providing the military with swimming baths? Is the existing garrison to be re-armed and equipped at a cost of £10,500? The answer to these questions is, of course, self-evident. The increased expenditure is on account of the naval base and Singapore is being asked to foot the bill. Moreover, as Mr. Everitt pointed out, it is being asked to foot that bill, not on account of any reasons of justice and equity, but because of a clause in the Defence Contribution Ordinance of 1899, the framers of which could never have contemplated that the cost of the defence of a mighty naval base could be construed as coming under the etcetera heading of "and all other military charges" which in that Ordinance merely follows after the comparatively unimportant heading "lodgings in lieu of barracks." The inhabitants of the Rock do not pay for the fortifications and heavy artillery which make Gibraltar the key to the Mediterranean. The Maltese do not pay for the soldiers and sailors who are stationed upon their pleasant islands. Where then, we ask, is the justice and equity in seeking to make Singapore pay for the cost of defending the naval base?—"Straits Times."

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The American destroyers left Bangkok on November 7 for Saigon. One of the sailors died in New York following an operation, and his body was embalmed and is being taken to Manila.

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BIRTH.

GOW.—At the General Hospital,
Seattle, on October 15, 1927,
to Mr. and Mrs. David Gow, a
daughter.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1927.

"SCANDAL" TABOOED.

We are envious of the newspapers in the Straits Settlements. They have unearthed a "scandal"! What it is all about concerns us not. All we can gather is that the Visiting Committee of the Penang General Hospital have resigned en bloc as a result of something they saw or did not see—the point does not matter to us in this Colony in the slightest degree. And since then both the Singapore and Penang newspapers have been going at it hammer and tongs, keeping the controversy—beg pardon, scandal—alive, in which good work they are being assisted by the Kuala Lumpur papers. Hence it is that we here, living a life of morbidity and deadly dullness, are envious of our brethren of the pen in Malaya. Nothing in the shape of a real live scandal has been given publicity to in this humdrum Colony for years and years. We have to be content with such commonplace things as boycotts and strikes, piracy and typhoons, intermingled with semi-serious discussions on the ethics of selection committees and the wearing of shorts and "Cissy" shirts in the Summer time!

The latest contributor to the controversy in Malaya is His Excellency the Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford. He has gallantly stepped into the breach on behalf of the Government, and taken the "horrid newspapers" to task for daring to print the word "Scandal"! Speaking at a lecture by Dr. Wu Lien-teh (who recently passed through Hong Kong on his

way to the Far Eastern Health Congress at Calcutta). Sir Hugh put on his severest official demeanour as "The Governor" and declared in most solemn tones:—

The enterprising journalists of this country will, I feel sure, forgive me if I suggest that they have been rather premature in stereotyping as their headline:—The Hospital Scandal in Penang. Scandal is a very serious word, and I know nothing that has occurred in Penang that justifies the use of that term.

Referring to a personal visit that he made to the Penang Hospital Sir Hugh says:—

"There is a great deal in Penang Hospital which I should like to see altered. In fact, I should like to see Penang Hospital swept away and another one, not on quite such a grandiose scale as that which has been built in Singapore, erected in its stead. But I saw nothing there that justified in any way the expression scandal. I saw a hospital which is certainly not in accordance with the standing of such a town as Penang, the northern of the three Settlements. But I saw nothing which was dangerous to the health of the inmates, and as for appliances, no doubt they are not on the scale of those to which we are now becoming used in Singapore, but they were on a scale which would be regarded as fairly satisfactory in most Colonial hospitals throughout the British Empire."

Sir Hugh Clifford's chastisement of the local Press is quite in accordance with the best traditions of the Civil Service, particularly those who are honoured by being ranked amongst "the higher authorities." How dare the newspapers descend to the use of the word "scandal" in connection with a Government institution? How dare they repeat the offence for days on end in large flaming letters? It is surely against the canons of good taste as viewed from the mentality of Government House! Such an offence is surely sufficient to inspire a sermon to the Press from the Bishop of Singapore, as a punishment additional to His Excellency's verbal chastisement! If only one newspaper were guilty of the heinous offence to which Sir Hugh takes such strong exception, it would be bad enough, but for all the newspapers—in the South and in the North—to keep harping on the word "scandal" is too much for the nerves of the author of "Bushwhacking" or "The Further Side of Silence." It would not be done, you know, in the Cocos-Keeling Islands, or in Tobago, or in Nigeria—oh dear no! However, fresh fields, fresh experiences, and by now probably Sir Hugh Clifford realises that gubernatorial

thrills in the spicy breezes of Ceylon are flat and commonplace in comparison with the sensations that have driven him to the free use of invectives against the Press in Malaya. If ever we are lucky enough to unearth a "scandal" in Hong Kong we would like nothing better than to have Sir Hugh Clifford here as Governor. That, of course, is unfortunately out of the question looking to the 61 years that he has survived in spite of the "scandal" that he must have been up against in some form or other during his long term in the Government Service.

MUSICAL TREAT.

MR. HARRY ORE AND OTHER ARTISTES.

PLEASING RECITAL.

A delightful programme submitted by the well-known pianist, Mr. Harry Ore, Mr. John Braga, Mr. Li Chor-chi and Mrs. Sanger were thoroughly enjoyed by a fairly large attendance last night.

The programme originally arranged was for a vocal and piano recital, those to take part being Mr. Ore and Mrs. Younghusband, but owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Younghusband the services of the others were willingly given and the audience showed its appreciation of their readiness to help and the quality and finish of the items rendered, in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Ore gave brilliant renderings of three piano selections—Bourée (Bach and Saint-Saens), Prelude, Fugue, Choral (Mendelssohn) and Turkish March (Beethoven) and Rubinstein) and this was followed by an excellently rendered violin solo by Mr. John Braga "Ave Maria" (Schubert-Wilhelm). Mr. Li Chor-chi's fine tenor voice was well suited to "Fortunio" (Messager).

The second part of the programme comprised items of the same merit—two piano solos by Mr. Ore's own composition "Macao Cradle Song" and "South China Fantasy" and another Chinese air, "Lau-Yu-kam" (I. T. Pun and Ore), followed by "William Tell" (Rossini and Liszt); finally, solos by Mrs. Sanger "I Love Thee" (Grieg) and "Calm As The Night" (Bohn), for which both she and Mr. Braga, who accompanied on the violin, were heartily applauded.

MILITARY VISITOR.

GENERAL SIR JOHN ASSER IN HONG KONG.

DISTINGUISHED RECORD.

Among passengers arriving in Hong Kong from America and the North yesterday by the a.s. "President, Lincoln" were General Sir John Asser, C.B., K.C.V.O., and Lady Asser.

General Asser has been Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Bermuda, since 1922. He had previously served with distinction in the Egyptian Army, participating in the Nile Expedition and commanding the Expedition Southern Kordofan in 1910.

General Asser had a distinguished record in the European War and was awarded the Order of St. Anne crossed swords, Belgian Order de la Couronne, Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre, and other distinctions.

For some years he was a member of the Sudan Government Council. Lady Asser is the daughter of Mr. James Wotherspoon of New York.

DISOBEYED ORDER.

SEQUEL INCIDENT ON RACE DAY.

Mr. D. M. Goodall, of Lane, Crawford's restaurant, was this morning summoned before Major C. Willson for disobeying the orders of traffic policemen on duty at Happy Valley on November 5.

Mr. Goodall said that he was unable to remember the occasion. Sergeant Clark said that the day in question was a race day, and Mr. Goodall parked his car near the main entrance to the Jockey Club, where parking was not allowed. An Indian Sergeant spoke to Mr. Goodall, but he refused to move his car. When the witness himself went up to Mr. Goodall, the latter said that he had parked there for 14 years, and would not move.

Mr. Goodall said that he remembered the incident now. He told the Magistrate that his case was different from other cases, as he was down there on business, and as his car was self-driven, he had to park it. He had parked his car there for the past four years with the full knowledge of Inspectors Kent and Alexander, and no objection had been raised before.

Remarking that there still remained the fact that Mr. Goodall had disobeyed police instructions, Major Willson imposed a fine of \$10.

A.D.C.

"BULLDOG DRUMMOND" IN REHEARSAL.

"ROTTEN PERFECT" CAST!

Last night the A.D.C.'s forthcoming production was played through in its entirety. It can be safely said that it will maintain the high traditions of the Club. We understand that last week rehearsals were curtailed owing to the fact that the cast were "rotten perfect." An explanation of this expression is perhaps necessary. A cast who have worked as this one has done almost every day for over two months has a tendency to get stale, and the expression "rotten perfect" simply implies that apart from one or two minor details nothing can be done to improve the production. Those taking part want the presence of an audience as an incentive to the exertion of their best endeavours. So good was the rehearsal last night that the producer has decided to give the cast a day's rest this week, though there is, of course, a lot to do in connection with stage effects. It is not easy to give a realistic representation on the stage of the various "stunts" described in Sapper's exciting book, but it will undoubtedly surprise many to find what can be done.

Unfortunately Major Macready is leaving Hong Kong before the A.D.C. can produce their next play, and it is therefore hoped that those who have in the past enjoyed his acting and his efforts as a producer will pay him the compliment of prompt attendance. Their Excellencies the Officer Administering the Government and the General Commanding the Troops, as well as the Commodore, will be present on the first night, and a visit to Anderson's yesterday afternoon revealed the fact that booking is heavy, particularly for the first performance on Saturday next, for Wednesday (the night when the inter-teams will attend) and for the last performance on Saturday, November 26.

The play is crowded with incident and for proper appreciation of the plot it is absolutely necessary to be present at the rise of the curtain, quite apart from the fact that the first act contains some of the brightest and most humorous dialogue. The curtain will be raised at 9.15 p.m. at every performance.

OBITUARY.

AN OLD FAR EASTERN RESIDENT.

MR. R. C. HURLEY.

One of the oldest residents of the Colony passed away yesterday at the Matilda Hospital in the person of Mr. R. C. Hurley.

Mr. Hurley, who was 79 years of age, arrived in the Colony in 1879 as an accountant with Messrs. Sale and Co. (now Lane, Crawford's). After leaving that establishment he was associated with others in the Colony before joining Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons as a guide and conducting tours over Kwangtung and other parts of China as well as over Manchuria, Japan and the Dutch East Indies. Mr. Hurley is the author of guide books on the Far East and of one, "Picturesque Hong Kong," on Hong Kong itself.

In recent years Mr. Hurley had been attached to the Government Analyst's office. The indifferent state of his health had necessitated his being away from work a good deal and the end was not entirely unexpected.

Deceased leaves two sisters in East Grinstead, England, to mourn his loss.

VICTORIA DIOCESE.

BISHOP'S REFERENCE TO NEW DEAN.

Writing from Harrogate to the "Outpost Supplement" for November, the Bishop of Victoria says:—"You will have heard by this time that the Rev. Alfred Swann has been appointed to succeed Mr. Moyle, and you will know that I have asked him to be Dean and Archdeacon for English work. This is not the time or place to refer to the debt we owe to Mr. Moyle for his fifteen years of unflinching service among us. I wish that the change of status of the Senior Chaplain of the Cathedral could have been made in Mr. Moyle's time, if only as a recognition of the work he has done. But, before taking this, and other steps, it seemed wise to take counsel with the authorities here. Since Archdeacon Barnett's enforced and unexpected retirement two years ago this and other questions of Diocesan arrangement have been much in my thoughts. For instance, had it been possible, I should like to have seen the Diocese divided. The general unsettledness has made the situation unusually complicated and naturally holds up projected action in many directions."

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TRAFFIC CASES.

TWO MOTOR CAR DRIVERS FINED.

DANGEROUS DRIVING.

Before Major C. Willson at "traffic time" at the Central Magistrate's morning, the Chinese driver of public motor car No. 423 was summoned for negligent driving in Des Voeux Road Central on November 1, when the car ran into a ricksha from behind near Messrs. Lane, Crawford's. The ricksha was thrown out unhurt on the head, whilst the puller was injured in the leg and had to go to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10, and ordered the accused to pay \$5 to the ricksha puller as compensation.

The Chinese driver of public motor car No. 190 was summoned by Sub-Inspector Lane for dangerous driving in Chater Road on October 29.

According to the Inspector, he was walking up Ice House Street from the ferry wharf under the verandah on the western side of the street when, as he stepped into Chater Road, blocking the exit to the Savoy Hotel verandah. The accused was looking toward two or three Chinese who were approaching the car under the verandah. When witness got up to the car, he crossed in front of it to get under the verandah. As he got in front of the car, the accused suddenly started the car, and as the car moved, he was still looking over his right shoulder, and automatically turned the wheel of the car to the left. One of the mudguards touched witness's leg, and it was his shouting that caused the accused to look where he was going.

The accused excuse was that he pulled his car up to allow a European lady and a child to cross the road.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10.

ANOTHER \$100,000.

FOR SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL FUND.

AMERICAN'S LIBERALITY.

New York, Yesterday. The railway magnate, Mr. Edward Harkness, has subscribed another \$100,000 toward the American million dollar fund for the proposed new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford on Avon, which now amounts to \$660,000, leaving \$340,000 still to be subscribed here.—Reuter's American Service.

POLICE RESERVE.

OFFICIAL ORDERS FOR THIS WEEK.

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police:

Chinese Company. Strength.—The following have enrolled in the Chinese Company and are posted respectively as under:—

Constables R.79 Lo Tak-hoi, R.80 Chan Man-bun, R.81 Chan Lai-shou to No. 3 section.

Indian Company.

Training.—The following is the result of the examination in Part 2 (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations) held on Monday, November 7:—

Passed with Credit.—Constable R.242 Taj Mohamed Khan.

Passed.—Constable R.218 Ghulam Mohamad.

Flying Squad. Strength.—Constable R.338 Frank Lee is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

Training.—The following members of the Flying Squad have been passed out as efficient in Part 1:—Constables R.314 J. van der Lely, R.315 Ho So.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong section on Thursday, will start from Central Police Station as usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

General (Part 3 Musketry).

The following Police Reservists will attend at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range in mufti on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m. sharp, for instruction in revolver shooting under Inspector H. J. Paterson:—

16 men to be detailed by O. C. Chinese Company.

15 men to be detailed by O. C. Indian Company.

10 men to be detailed by O. C. Flying Squad.

Police Training School. Classes for instruction in Part 2 of training course will be held at the Police Training School under Inspector H. J. Paterson on Thursday and Tuesday (November 22), commencing both evenings at 5.30 sharp.

Training.—Part 1 (Squad Drill). All members of the Police Reserve who have not yet passed out as efficient in Part 1 will parade in mufti at the Central Police Station for Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt as follows:—

Chinese and Indian Companies on Thursday and Tuesday (November 22).

Flying Squad to-morrow.

Parade in each evening at 5.30 sharp.

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Nationalist Director-General.

MEMORANDUM PUBLISHED.

Proposals for Preserving Its Unity Of Service.

We have received from Mr. Liu Shu-fan, Director-General of Posts of the Ministry of Communications, Nanking, the following statement giving the official Nationalist attitude towards the Chinese Postal Service:—

1. The Ministry of Communications of the Nationalist Government has, as of to-day's date, established a Director-General of Posts within the Ministry. The reasons which led to this step are as follows:—

(1) Eighteen out of the 24 postal districts of China are within the area controlled by the Nationalist Government.

(2) The Postal Commissioners of these districts are now holding letters of appointment from this government, these letters having been issued at the request of the Peking Director-General of Posts itself.

(3) Questions regarding the administration of the above 18 districts are constantly arising, and the Peking Director-General of Posts has frequently submitted such matters to the Nationalist Government, hence the need for a special department in the Ministry to deal with postal questions.

Service Cut Down by Peking.

(4) On the plea of necessity for economy in the postal service, the Peking Director-General has within recent months reduced the staff and cut down the number of deliveries and courier mail services. However, this reduction in the efficiency of the service was not warranted by its actual financial condition. The real reason for the retrenchment was that funds were needed by the Northern Government for other purposes and that Government has accordingly compelled the Peking Director-General to continue the practice of making regular monthly payments to its treasury, although that Director-General promised the Nationalist Government at Hankow last Spring that it would make no such payments in the future.

(5) The Peking Director-General promised the Nationalist Ministry of Communications last July to send to Nanking a representative who would explain the present financial condition of the service and clear up certain obscure points in regard to it. In spite of this promise, this representative has never come. The Nationalist Ministry feels, therefore that it cannot but appoint a Director-General of its own in order to be in a position to satisfy itself as to the real financial condition of the postal revenues.

Proposals for Co-operation.

II. Up to the present time the Nationalist Ministry of Communications has sought sincerely to co-operate with the Peking Director-General in maintaining the unity and efficiency of the postal service throughout the country as a whole. This is evidenced by the following facts:—

(1) That in the new Nanking Director-General of Posts only two departments are established, one for correspondence and the other for auditing accounts (see Appendix, Article III). Other affairs, for example, those relating to the Postal Union, supplies, etc., are left as before in the hands of the Peking Co-Director-General who has been specially instructed by this Ministry also to manage and control funds as hitherto.

(2) The Nationalist Government has drawn no funds from any post office. Though M. Rouse, a special delegate from the Peking Directorate, definitely promised (by despatch) a payment of \$60,000 to purchase quarters for the Ministry of Communications, nevertheless this payment was not insisted upon by the Nationalist Government and has never been taken, as it became clear later that M. Rouse had exceeded M. Destelan's instructions. This abstention is in spite of the fact that M. Destelan has been forced to make large payments to the Northern Government.

The Offer to M. Destelan.

(3) The Nationalist Ministry of Communications is fully aware of the difficulties which M. Destelan is facing in administering the postal service at the present time. In order, therefore, to strengthen his hands the Ministry has offered him the concurrent post of Co-Director-General in its own Directorate. The Ministry also feels that M. Destelan's appointment will tend to make secure postal properties worth \$150,000, 000, floating funds aggregating about \$3,000,000, and in addition

OUR SAFEGUARDS.

Ex-Hankow Concession Menace.

STRONG PLEA IN UTAIN.

British Advised To Administer Concession.

London, Yesterday.

A plea against weakening the existing safeguards in China is made in a letter given prominence in "The Times," with an influential list of signatories headed by Lord Southborough, Chairman of the China Committee, Mr. L. N. Leefe, Chairman of the China Association in London, and including representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Federation of British Industries and traders in China.

The letter declares that until China nationalism is able to furnish more evidence of constructive administrative capacity the safeguards of British trade ought not to be further weakened. Attention is drawn to the ill-effects of the dissolution of the British Concession at Hankow.

Discontinue Negotiations.

The opinion is expressed that the safeguards represented in other concessions ought to be maintained and negotiations as to changes in the status of the Concession at Tientsin discontinued while other safeguards like extraterritoriality, the foreign administration of Customs rights, facilities regarding the sale and purchase of goods in the interior and the riverine and coastal carrying trade, should be upheld.

They declare that the abandonment of these safeguards and rights would be more dangerous to British trade even than the boycott.

Scope For Liberal Policy.

The signatories think that the retention of safeguards leaves ample scope for the prosecution of a liberal policy in China and for Chinese Nationalists and Nationalism to prove its qualities. They favour increases in the import tariff provided the increases are also borne by the nationals of other Powers and favour the recommendations of the Extraterritoriality Commission including taxation, though the present state of the Provisional Court at Shanghai is a disappointing augury for further similar experiments in favour of inviting Chinese in Shanghai a share in foreign administrative responsibilities.

A Serious Menace.

Finally, they consider that the present condition of the ex-British Concession in Hankow menaces British property and persons and that the only way to remove the menace is for the British Government to administer the ex-Concession until the Chinese are willing and able to carry out the Chen-O'Malley Agreement.—Reuter.

deposits belonging to the postal staff which amount to several million dollars.

(4) The Ministry hopes that M. Destelan will yet accept the appointment which has been offered to him. However, in case he should feel unable to do so, the Ministry has already requested him to appoint some one, agreeable to him, who upon being commissioned by the Nationalist Government, might then act for him for the Nationalist area.

(5) The Nationalist Government in the past has not interfered with the Peking Co-Director-General's authority in the general management of the postal service, or fettered or embarrassed him or his Commissioners by introducing changes of any sort in its administration. On the contrary, the Government has shown throughout its desire to uphold the efficiency of the service in every way.

No Interference With Management.

III. This Directorate-General desires to maintain with the Peking Directorate-General in the future that same attitude of co-operation which has previously characterized the Nationalist Government. To this end this Directorate-General unhesitatingly declares:—

(1) That the Nationalist Government has no intention of breaking up the postal service, or of interfering unnecessarily with its general management. On the contrary, if the Peking Directorate-General will meet this Government in a spirit of reasonable co-operation, its desire is to preserve the service intact.

(2) That the Nationalist Government has no intention of appropriating postal funds for non-postal use.

(3) That finally, as an evidence of good faith, this Directorate-General is ready to appoint delegates to confer with representatives of the Peking Directorate-General at such times and places as may be mutually agreed upon as to ways and means by which the unity and efficiency of the postal service in China may be not merely maintained, but increased.

HANKOW TAKEN?

(Continued from page 1.)

IN THE NORTH.

"Christian General" Lays Claim to Victory.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Marshal Feng Yuxiang (the "Christian General") claims the capture of Tsaochowfu, which is in the south-west of Shantung, also that the Shantung army has been defeated by the Kuomintang at Tangshan as a result of a flank attack from Suiy.—Reuter.

[Note: The "Christian General" is an ally of the Nanking Government.]

EARLIER CABLES.

General Strangled Before Chief's Departure.

Hankow, Yesterday.

It appears that the disturbances in the native city originated in the finding in army headquarters of the body of a Hunanese General, Chang Kuo-wei, who had recommended General Tang Seng-chi to resign the command. Prior to his departure, Tang Seng-chi had the General strangled and the deceased's troops discovered the corpse. The latter thereupon looted and burned down the headquarters. It is noteworthy that the Military Council now controlling Wuhan are all Hupeh men, all the Hunanese having left.

Catch-as-Catch-Can.

It is reported that Tang Seng-chi seized a quarter of a million silver dollars from the Bank of China.

The Hunanese looted the silver in the Central Bank while Tang Seng-chi's various financial administrators decamped with whatever specie they could lay their hands on.

There were no further disturbances last night although further rioting is expected.—Reuter.

Seasonal Safety.

Rugby, Yesterday.

During the week-end a state of extreme tension has again arisen in Hankow.

Hostile relations which have existed for many weeks between the Nanking authorities and General Tang Seng-chi (who controlled the situation at Hankow) have so developed that with the advance upon Hankow of the Nanking forces General Tang Seng-chi has abandoned his troops and sought seasonal safety, it is believed, under the Japanese flag.

Pending Victors' Arrival.

With his departure his abandoned troops looted the native city and disorders became general, despite the efforts said to have been made by General Ho Chien, one of Tang Seng-chi's supporters, to control the situation with native police pending the arrival of Nanking troops.

At one time a serious fire broke out but this was quelled by the fire brigade from the former British Concession.

Japanese warships on the Yangtze River landed marines and the French Concession is guarded by Annamite troops.

Exodus to Concessions.

According to latest reports no British forces have so far been landed, though marines are available on vessels in the River if the safety of British nationals and property become directly involved.

On Sunday many panic-stricken Chinese from the native city sought safety in the Japanese and French Concessions. This morning's reports indicate that considerable anxiety is still felt, despite specific assurances by the Nanking authorities that their troops will assume control peacefully.—British Wireless Service.

Temporary Commander.

Hankow, Yesterday.

General Ho Kuo-kwan has notified the Nanking punitive expedition that he has been elected provisional commander of the Wu-Han army. He also requested General Li Tsung-jen and General Cheng Chien (both of Nanking) to instruct the troops not to attack the retreating Wu-Han forces.—Reuter.

EXPELLED.

LEADERS OF THE SOVIET OPPOSITION.

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Central Controlling Committee of the Central Committee of an all-Union Communist Party have adopted a resolution expelling Trotsky and Zinovieff from the party and expelling Kameneff, Rakovsky and three others from the Central Committee, dismissing them from all Government or party posts.—Reuter.

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INDIAN REFORMS.

STATUTORY COMMISSION BILL.

PASSAGE TO BE EXPEDITED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Efforts are being made to expedite the passage through both Houses of Parliament of the Government of India Statutory Commission Bill, and its second reading will be moved in the House of Lords to-morrow.

This short Bill will enable a Commission to be set up before the expiration of the ten years contemplated.

It is anticipated that there will be little opposition to the Bill and that a debate on important issues raised by the appointment of the Commission will be reserved till resolutions approving of the proposed personnel of the Commission are brought forward.—British Wireless Service.

Boycott Movement.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

The conference of prominent party leaders, under the chairmanship of Sir Abdur Rahim, adopted a resolution urging public bodies, particularly the Legislatures, to boycott the Commission.—Reuter.

Lahore, Yesterday.

The Punjab Muslim Executive made adopted a resolution to co-Ruter.

CINEMA NOTES.

"BEHIND THE FRONT" TO-DAY ONLY.

SPECIAL WAR COMEDY.

To-day's picture at the Queen's Theatre is the special comedy "Behind the Front," which is being shown again by special request. The story is full of amusing and exciting incidents. The central figures are a detective and a pick-pocket who are lured into joining the army by a pretty girl and unaware of each other's identity become firm friends. Wallace Beery plays the role of the detective and Raymond Hatton that of the pick-pocket. Both are excellent and it is as much to their acting as the cleverness of the "gags" that the picture owes its success. Mary Brian is charming as the leading lady and Chester Conklin heads the strong supporting cast. "Behind the Front" is a comedy first and last and should be much enjoyed again to-day.

"MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE."

Another delightful old-world picture fills the bill at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. This is "Monsieur Beaucaire," a Paramount production of the high standard which one associates with such films. It is made doubly interesting from the fact that it features the late Rudolph Valentino in the title role, and the popular screen favourite is here seen at his very best.

The tale deals with the romance of a scapegrace French nobleman in the times of Louis XV. who incurred the displeasure of His Majesty and the favourite. The scapegrace later masqueraded as a barber and then as an imaginary Duke until his real role as a cousin of the King was disclosed. The film is noteworthy for the fine acting, the beautiful settings, the general artistic background and the clever direction of the story.

Supporting Rudolph Valentino is a notable cast, including such favourites as Bebe Daniels, Lois Wilson, Doris Kanyon and Lowell Sherman, each of whom contributes in marked manner to the great success achieved.

"GO WEST."

The picture in the 5.30 to 8.30 continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is Buster Keaton's comedy, "Go West," in which the popular comedian, is shown in a number of ridiculous and humorous poses stampeding among cattle in the West. Buster's latest picture is as good as many of his previous efforts and should attract large houses. The revue being submitted at 9.15 to-day, and to-morrow by the new Our Cabaret is "Cocktails."

TO-DAY'S GAZETTE.

Recent events depicted in the topical gazette being screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day along with the special war comedy, "Behind the Front," include an exploit by the famous aviator, Clarence D. Chamberlain, who "hopped off" from the "Leviathan" with mail, soaring into the air from a 114 ft. runway specially constructed on the deck of the liner. Other items in the same gazette show some dare-devil diving by acrobats and some risky stunts with a motor car by the French sportsman Andre Mercler.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Behind the Front."

To-day—World Theatre; "Monsieur Beaucaire."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Go West."

To-day—The new "Our Cabaret" in "Cocktails" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Tea Dance at Cafe Regent, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.; dinner dante, 8 p.m.

November 16-19—Queen's Theatre; "The Magician."

November 17-19—World Theatre; "The Midnight Sun."

November 17-19—Star Theatre; "The Cohens and Kellys."

November 18—Children's afternoon at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

November 19—Opening performance of the H.K.A.D.C. "Bulldog Drummond," Theatre Royal.

November 24—Romanticist Music at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 25—Dance in Engineers Institute.

November 30—St. Andrew's Society's Annual Ball at City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

December 9—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—Ping Pong: St. Louis Club v. C.C. Y.M.S. v. St. Peter's Club.

November 17—Steel & Coulson's Billiard League: R.E. & R. Sigs. v. R.A.; Northants v. Queens; K.O.S.B. v. D.R.C.; Revenue v. Police; Garrison Sgt. Mess v. Warders.

November 19-21—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Hong Kong; H.K. Cricket Club ground, 10.30 a.m.

November 22—Interport Cricket: Malaya v. United Services.

November 23-24—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Malaya.

November 25—Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. United Services.

November 26-28—Interport Cricket: Malaya v. Hong Kong.

November 26—Eighth Extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

December 3—Autumn meeting of the Fanling Hunt.

Lamartine's Auction.

November 16—At Godown No. 1, The China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Connaught Rd., West (West Point), Miscellaneous goods from Cargo Boat No. 577V, 11 a.m.

Meetings.

November 16—Annual Meeting of H.K. branch of Boy Scouts Association in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

November 17—Annual general meeting of the Cwaingower Cricket Club, 5.30 p.m.

November 21—Extraordinary meeting of Prince's Bldg. and Land Co., Ltd., at Registered Office of the Company in Prince's Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

November 23—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

November 15 & 22—Practice Dances for St. Andrew's Ball at the City Hall, from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

November 16—Reel Club eighth practice, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 17—Vice-President and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home" to members and their friends at Helena May Institute.

November 23—Laying of foundation stone of the new Wanchai Wesleyan building.

November 27—Annual church parade to Union Church.

RACIAL FEUDS.

BETWEEN HINDUS AND MUSLEMS.

SEQUEL TO AN EXECUTION.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

Seven armoured cars and a detachment of British infantry are patrolling the disturbed area where Hindu-Muslim rioting followed upon the execution of Abdul Rashid.

A great crowd of Moslems gathered outside the gaol gate and demanded Abdul's body for a processional funeral. They proceeded to the Jumamu Sjid Mosque, where special prayers were offered.

It is reported that one Hindu was killed and 30, mostly Hindu shopkeepers, were injured in the rioting; and that two shops were looted. A complete halt prevails.—Reuter.

ACQUITTED.

RESULT OF ROUMANIAN'S TRIAL.

Bucharest, Yesterday.

M. Manolescu has been acquitted of the charge of an attempt against the person of King Michael by declaring in favour of a change in the Constitutional Act of 1928.—Reuter.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Heavy mail was carried by the
s.s. "President Lincoln," from the
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai,
consisting of 1,046 bags. It was dis-
tributed yesterday.

Mrs. Campbell, manageress of
the "Jade Tree" shop, reported to
the police at 6 p.m., yesterday that
a finger ring, worth \$140, had been
stolen from the show case some
time during the past week.

The new Supreme Court which
is now being built at Ipoh should
be finished in a few months. It is
likely that two Judges will be ap-
pointed for Perak, and that a re-
gular session of the Supreme Court
may be held at Taiping.

The Bureau for the Readjust-
ment of the Financial Market,
established in Shanghai some days
ago, has been removed to Nanking
upon the instructions of Mr. Sun
Fo, Minister of Finance, who has
ordered the organisation of a
branch office in Shanghai.

Sunday, November 20, will be
observed in all the Anglican
Churches as V. D. A. Sunday. As
last year a Bilingual Service will be
held in the Cathedral commencing
at 3 p.m. The preacher will be the
Rev. Lee Ying-piu of St. Paul's
Church, Hong Kong. It is hoped
that many V. D. A. members will
attend this service and so make it
a success.

According to the "Shunpao," the
British Consul-General has acceded
to the demands of the Chinese au-
thorities in connection with the
shooting of a Nationalist soldier in
Pao-shan Road by a member of the
Shanghai Defence Force. It is al-
leged that he has consented to ar-
rest and punish the offender, to
meet all medical expenses incurred
in the treatment of the wounded
man, and to undertake to prevent
similar occurrences in future.

At the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield, had
before him a Chinese goldsmith
charged with throwing a corrosive
fluid on a woman living at No.
125 Temple Street. On the ap-
plication of Sub-Inspector Fallon,
who said that whilst the fluid was
believed to be vitriol, no definite
information could be given on the
point until a report was received
from the Government Analyst, who
was examining the woman's cloth-
ing, the Magistrate remanded the
accused for a week. It was fur-
ther stated by the Inspector that
although the woman's clothing was
all burned, there was no actual
injury done to the woman herself.

H.M.S. "Scarab" arrived in
Shanghai on November 6.

There will be a practice dance
for St. Andrews Ball, at the City
Hall to-day from 5.30-7 p.m.

A Chinese shop assistant living
on the first floor of No. 7 Chuon
Lane, was yesterday taken to the
Government Civil Hospital suffer-
ing from injuries received through
accidentally falling from the
verandah.

The four Chinese who escaped
from the Victoria Gaol on Thurs-
day afternoon are still at large
according to official information
given yesterday. Raids have been
made on a number of likely hid-
ing place and the search still con-
tinues.

The body of a Chinese coolie
was picked up from the harbour
near the Kowloon City reclamation
on Sunday. The man, who was
working on a lighter belonging to
the Netherlands Harbour Works,
dropped into the water two days
before while in the act of jumping
into another lighter in order to
get ashore.

Chan Lar-ang, Manager of
the Kwong Mun Loong firm, was
charged at the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday with misappropriating
the sums of \$3,000 and \$8,000 and
also making false entries in his
books. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared
to prosecute and the accused was
represented by Mr. M. W. Lo. The
accused was formally remanded for
a week.

As the result of a quarrel with
her parents over her proposed mar-
riage to a man she did not like, a
17-year-old Chinese girl living on
the top floor of No. 237 Des
Voeux West yesterday committed
suicide by drinking a quantity of
lysol. She was taken to the Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital in a seri-
ous condition at 7 a.m., died at
10.20 p.m.

Local estate, to the value of
\$10,100 was left by Mr. R. Perry,
of Mullartown, Annalong, County
Down, Ireland, formerly of Hong
Kong, who died at Greenock, Scot-
land, in June of this year. Estate
was also left in Scotland. The
will, revealing of the probate of
which has been granted to Mr.
G. G. N. Tinson, bequeaths every-
thing to his three children Mrs.
Rodgers and Mrs. Allan (wives of
the two executors) and Mr. R.
Perry, care of the Douglas S.S.
Company, Hong Kong.

A dance will be held at the
Peak Club, on Saturday, December
10, at 9.15 p.m. The Lyric Band
will be in attendance. Special late
Peak Tram 12.30.

Arranged by the Royal En-
gineers' and Royal Signals Junior
Dance Club, a carnival dance,
which proved very enjoyable and
was well attended, was held at the
R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

The Ministry of Finance has
established in Shanghai a special
branch for raising funds for the
Nationalist Government. Mr. Lu
Hao-shen has been appointed direc-
tor and Messrs. Foo Chin-chi and
Chao Chih-chien vice-directors.

The Home Xmas parcel mail
from Hong Kong by the s.s.
"Macedonia" was exceptionally
heavy and the postal department
were kept working at high pres-
sure to cope with the continual
stream of packages which were
taken over the counter. There
were 3,735 parcels for the United
Kingdom sent from Hong Kong
by the "Macedonia" (compared
with 3,457 by the same mail last
year). For other European ports
there were 444 as compared with
243 last year. The mail last year
was dispatched in 275 bags and
this year in 300 bags.

An unfortunate who complain-
ed to the Shanghai police that his
room at a hotel was infested with
vermin, inhabiting walls, ceiling,
bed, and furniture, was confined to
the Mental Ward over the week-
end. Prior to leaving the station,
he asked if he might go for his
coat. Permission was granted
him, but while on his way to the
hotel, he suddenly decided to go
without his coat, explaining that
he had that morning killed six por-
cupines in his pocket. The officer
who had him in charge agreed that
it might be better to abandon the
coat in the circumstances.

It will be remembered that last
year a series of interesting papers
on various technical subjects were
read at the Institution of En-
gineers' and Shipbuilders' of Hong
Kong. These papers were much
appreciated and it is proposed to
carry out a similar programme this
winter. The first paper of the
1927-28 season will be read at the
Institute on Friday at 5.45 p.m. It
is entitled "Gas—Its distribution
and uses," and has been prepared
by Mr. A. Hevey, Assistant Super-
intendent of the Hong Kong and
China Gas Co., Ltd., Mr. W. J.
Hill (President) will be in the
chair.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Rev. E. F. and Mrs. Borst-
Smith are due back in Shanghai on
November 18.

Mr. J. P. C. Riby, Registrar,
Supreme Court, Selangor, is to
leave Malaya on retirement this
month.

Mr. G. O. Hovill, who was injured
in the Rugby match against Penang,
was expected to leave hospital on
November 5.

Mr. Louis Drakeford, of the Salt
Gabelle, who has been for some
months in Shanghai, left for his
post at Chungking on November 5.

Arriving here from Manila on
the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" yester-
day were Mr. A. Camero, Mr.
and Mrs. F. S. Harrison and Mr.
T. J. Draper.

It is notified that Mr. W. H. Bell
has resumed charge of the Asiatic
Petroleum Co. (S. C.), Ltd., and
the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (Philip-
pine Islands), Ltd.

The November meeting of the
Daughters of the American Revolution,
Shanghai, will take the form of
a dinner at which Admiral and
Mrs. Mark L. Bristol will be guests
of honour.

Mr. J. Maxwell Hall who has been
acting as Chief Justice, B. North
Borneo, during the absence on leave
of Capt. D. T. J. Sherlock, K.C., the
Chief Justice, has gone home via
Hong Kong.

Mr. C. Kinder, till recently
O.C.P.D., Kuala Selangor, has as-
sumed duties as Second Assistant
Commissioner of Police, Central
Station, Kuala Lumpur, replacing
Mr. Birch, who has gone to Kuala
Selangor.

Mr. G. B. F. Southam, of the
Eastern Extension Telegraph Com-
pany, accompanied by Mrs. Southam
and family left for India from
Penang by the "Tairea." Mr.
Southam, who has not been enjoy-
ing very good health, will be away
for six months and will spend his
holiday at Bangalore.

A visitor to Hong Kong is Ray-
mond Hauger, who left New York
in May in company with Miss
Irene Harris on an unconventional
journey in search of fame of any
kind. They determined to prove
that platonic friendship between
two such young people is possible.
They eventually made their way to
Japan, and Hauger has since been
adventuring on his own, coming
down the coast to Hong Kong by
junk. Miss Harris is still in Japan.
They hope to do further voyaging
together in the near future.



Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of
Arkansas, who was recently sug-
gested by Edwin T. Meredith, Sec-
retary of Agriculture under Presi-
dent Wilson, as acceptable to the
dry interests as a presidential can-
didate on the Democratic ticket.

The Hon. Mr. C. Watt has been
renominated representative of the
East Coast planters on the B. N.
Borneo Legislative Council.

Amongst the passengers who
arrived from Home by the
"Hokusan Maru" were the Rev.
T. W. D. James (Swatow), Mr. A.
Hicks ("Hong Kong Telegraph")
and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. B. W. Brad-
bury (Dairy Farm Co.) with Mrs.
Bradbury and daughters, Mr. and
Mrs. C. E. Watson (Shameen) and
daughter, Mrs. J. Benson, Mr. and
Mrs. L. Vidal, Mr. A. W. Heron
(Wharf and Godown Co.) and
daughters, Misses C. and V. Cran-
nell, Mr. F. Mason (St. John's
Cathedral organist), Mr. L. Guy
(Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.) and
Mr. G. E. Matthews (Brunner,
Mond & Co.).

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. H. Wolff re-
turned to Singapore from Batavia
by the "Plancius," on November 6.

Mrs. H. E. Peck and daughter re-
turned to Shanghai from Home on
November 5 in the "Hakozaki
Maru."

The wife and family of Mr. R. H.
Lockhart, the American Consul-
General at Hankow, arrived in
Shanghai on the str. "President
Grant."

Mr. I. A. Simpson, B.Sc., who has
been appointed an assistant
Chemist, Institute for Medical Re-
search, F.M.S., arrived from Home
on November 4.

The engagement is announced of
E. M. Pennefather, of Majorie
estate, Rantau, to I. V. Clarke, sister
of Mr. M. G. Clarke, of Bukit Nanas
estate, Seremban.

Mr. C. N. Crush has been tem-
porarily appointed a member of the
F.M.S. Rubber Restriction Assess-
ment Committee during the ab-
sence of Mr. C. B. Graburn.

The October issue of Tropical
Life devotes its "Friend" feature to
the Hon. Mr. A. S. Jeff, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary of Jamaica, and
formerly of the Malayan Civil Ser-
vice.

Mrs. F. E. Chadwick Kew, man-
ageress of the British Flower
Shop, with her daughter, returned
to Shanghai on November 5, after
spending six months' holiday in
Europe.

A Straits Gazette Extraordin-
ary was published on November 7
appointed Sir Hayes Marriott the
Governor's Deputy during the lat-
ter's absence from Singapore,
which His Excellency left the same
evening.

The Governor of B. North Borneo
went back from Singapore on Octo-
ber 29, and is now in Jesselton.
Before returning to Sandakan at the
end of November he will pay visits
to the Interior Residency and parts
of the West Coast Residency.

Among those who left for Manila
by the s.s. "President Lincoln" last
evening were Mr. and Mrs. G. T.
Padgett, who were married on
Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. K. K.
Staple, whose marriage took place
yesterday; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bentley,
Mr. H. L. Pratt, junior, President
of the Standard Oil Company of
New York, and Mrs. Pratt, Mr.
B. P. Lee, an English barrister
from London, on a pleasure trip,
and Mr. A. W. Slater, of Messrs.
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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Excitement at the Valley.

QUEEN'S BRILLIANT SPURT.

Review Of Saturday's League Games.

[By "Trove".]

With plenty of good matches to choose from on Saturday football lovers' only difficulty was in choosing the most attractive, as on both sides of the Harbour, the Club's engaged were out for real serious League business. There is no doubt that at present most of the Club Committees are straining in every direction to improve their particular team's chances. Almost without exception full strength was the order of the day on Saturday, and the Senior League this year promises to be of extraordinary interest.

At the Valley the pace set up by both sides from the outset promised thrills which were early forthcoming, the players putting their whole energies into the play in such a manner that the breather, when it arrived, was a relief to players and spectators alike. But the real excitement of the match was provided in the closing stages of the game when the Guards in a great dash scored amidst a great demonstration from their supporters when it was thought the game was to be finished with no scoring and many spectators had commenced to leave. The Chinese team rallied splendidly and drew level, Wong Pak-cheung (centre) doing the needful.

The Guards came again and in an extraordinary finish again led, and incidentally created a record by scoring twice against the Athletic this year. But the Athletic's inside right, Li Wan-koon, just managed to pull the match out of the fire amidst a tremendous shout from the packed crowds, and the final whistle announced the finish of an exciting match as is likely to be seen for some time.

The Guards came right back to favour. They used their advantage of weight with discretion, and Aird and McNeven (particularly the latter) were stalwarts in the defence. McCleash, Carswell, and Chapman were ever on the foray and with the encouragement of this partial success the Guards will advance.

The Athletic were at full strength and they need to be, as the opposition they are now meeting is stern stuff, and there was no decline in their general play. The forwards were not so assertive as usual, due to the strength of the opposition, but they are to be commended for twice saving the game when defeat looked practically certain.

As was expected the Hong Kong Club made a good fight against the Borderers at Sookpoo and a division of the points would have come the Club's way but for one unusually good clearance by the Borderers' goalkeeper, who is 'a' always difficult to beat. The Borderers, however, deserved their narrow win and are getting into their stride, the old left wing combination of McClintock and Alexander functioning as of old. The Club were weak on the right wing Johnstone and Pile being too easily robbed although striving always. Stewart was a big factor behind, and Rodger established claims to Interport selection on the day's play.

At Kowloon chief interest centred in the meeting of the Queen's Regiment and Kowloon on the former's ground, both Clubs having shown excellent form to date. There is no doubt that Kowloon quite surprised the Regimentals in the first half, and a good crowd were rewarded with some clever forward work by the Kowloon team in the first half. When May lunged forward and scored a fine goal Kowloon supporters were pleased with their favourites. The Queen's did not show to advantage in this half and Miles was just a fraction too late, or Kowloon would have had a two goals lead. Woods had been kept handling at the other end, but it was not until after the interval that about ten minutes, we saw a glimpse of the real Queen's for after Richardson had equalised the Queen's sharpshooters, Larkin and Barclay, scored three goals in rapid fashion and Richardson added another. The game, which previously had been a very open one, looked all Queen's.

However, May reduced the margin with a goal for Kowloon right on time, but the Regiment's sudden jump right into form in the middle of the second half was a glimpse of what any defence may experience from the Queen's at their best, this season.

Kowloon were beaten only by a couple of really clever goals as on general play the civilian side quite held the Army men and at times were on top. The strength of the Queen's, apart from their steady defence, is in the forwards mentioned, and with Woodwards in the team again, the Queen's will be a dangerous lot. For Kowloon, Jones at right back played a strong defensive game and is a capture, whilst Sims and Hedley were prominent. May, apart from his goals, was very smart and with C. Pile made Kowloon's most dangerous wing. Kowloon played well and on the day's play a goal difference would have been a fair indication of actual superiority. As Cavelli is shortly leaving Kowloon will welcome Wheeler and McKelvie on their return to the team in a few weeks.

The match at the Club de Recreo ground, King's Park, went as was expected. The Recreo's forwards were as usual bright on their own ground and were good value for their win. Brown, Gosano, Silva, Remedios and Xavier being ever prominent.

The R. A. made the locals go the whole way, but Recreo will be a difficult task for all teams visiting King's Park.

Vernon had a day out for the Royal Air Force, scoring four times against South China on the Kowloon A.F.C. ground and the R.A.F. were slightly flattered by the large score of 6 to 1, although they were much better than their opponents.

Apart from the meeting of the K.O.S.B. 2nd XI and R.A. Reserves, in which match the Borderers clearly showed their consistent superiority, there were not many important games in the Junior Divisions. Kowloon Reserves changed a rather monotonous period of unlucky defeats by a smart win over the South China Athletic, but the Club Reserves who, like their Seniors, are lacking forwards, went down rather easily to St. Joseph's. The presence of so many local Chinese teams in the Junior Divisions is not conducive to interest in these leagues, the play in some of these matches being far below the standard of the First League and the introduction of Reserve Service elevens would be a distinct gain in interest.

The first selected Interport team to oppose the K.O.S.B.'s on Thursday is a strong team on paper, and interest will chiefly centre in the manner the various players will settle down together, and the Borderers can be relied on fully to extend the selectors' choices for higher honours. Competition for places will be keen, and it is satisfactory to note that probable and possible players will be well tried out.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

The Chinese staff and the European staff of Taikoo will meet in a friendly football game at the Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow afternoon; kick-off, 4.45.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Inter-Class Football Competition.

The final of the Inter-class Football Competition will be played to-morrow, at 3.30 p.m. at Q. C. ground, Causeway Bay. Mr. George Grimble, President, Q.C.O.B.A., has kindly consented to present the shield and medals at 5 p.m.

The Committee will be pleased to see as many Old Boys as can find it convenient to attend.

CHINESE A. A.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION.

The Chinese Amateur Athletic Association of Hong Kong will meet in the clubroom of the South China Athletic Association on Thursday evening to consider certain amendments to the Constitution and by-laws.

The members of the Federation Committee comprises: Chairman, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, of Chinese Recreation Club; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Tsui Kin-yung, South China Athletic Association; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Ko Sic-wai, Chinese Y.M.C.A.; Hon. Treasurer, H. K. Li, Chinese Athletic Association; and members, Messrs. Richard Shim, Lau Fook-kie, Leung Siu-man, Lee Yin, and Hin Wong.

BILLIARDS.

S.C.A.A. v. EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

The billiards team of South China Athletic Association will have players from the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, as their guests at the China Building clubroom, to-morrow evening. Mr. W. L. Walker, of the P.W.D., is in charge of the Y.M.C.A. team and Mr. Yang Pak-nin is making the arrangements for the South China A. A.

Y.M.C.A. Final.

The final of the Y.M.C.A. handicaps for the billiard tournament was played off last night, A. Leach beating F. Cowherd, 250 to 207.

RACING.

FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASE CHASE PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme for the Fanling Hunt Steeplechase Autumn meeting on December 3, entries for which close with Dr. F. Flores Grove before noon on Saturday:

3.15 p.m. Hunters' Arms. About One Mile.

For China Ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have never started in a steeplechase allowed 5 lb. Winner of any flat race 10 lb. penalty. 1st prize \$50, 2nd prize \$20, 3rd prize \$10. Entrance fee \$5.

United Services Heavyweight Race. About 7 furlongs.

For China Ponies, catch weights at 108 lb. to be ridden by Officers of H.M. Forces or members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. 1st prize \$50, 2nd prize \$20, 3rd prize \$10. Entrance fee \$5.

Autumn Plate. About 2 miles.

For China Ponies. weight for inches as per scale for Cup. 2nd prize \$30, 3rd prize \$15. Entrance fee \$5.

November Handicap. About 1 1/2 miles.

For China Ponies. 1st prize \$50, 2nd prize \$20, 3rd prize \$10. Entrance fee \$5.

Consolation Race. About 7 furlongs.

For China ponies that have started at this meeting and not won. Weight for inches as per scale. 1st prize \$50, 2nd prize \$20, 3rd prize \$10. Forced entry \$5.

Shanghai Meeting

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"A" Champions Cash Sweep.

Charcoal (1)	17,206
Young Bill (2)	33,615
Wheatcroft (3)	14,976
Perseus	10,516
Tabbycat	47,414
Wedding Eve	46,385
Mark Over	15,840
Glenluc	29,202
Pat	45,969
Black-and-Blue	4,678
The Brambling	32,729
Prince of Warriors	30,747
Kilmory	16,374
Red Joss House	33,328
Quiet Eve	42,685
Bubbly Jack	23,338
Firestone	29,195
Veterock	28,491
Coeur de Leon	26,821
Laleham	12,244
Chilly Eve	48,394
The Sparrow	7,525
The Field No. 1 (unless already qualified)	46,453
The Field No. 2 (unless already qualified)	31,337
"B" Champion Sweepstakes.	
Charcoal (1)	9,597
Young Bill (2)	17,908
Wheatcroft (3)	13,171
Perseus	15,223
Tabbycat	15,177
Wedding Eve	18,517
Mark Over	5,665
Glenluc	23,327
Pat	6,351
Black-and-Blue	12,720
The Brambling	33,626
Prince of Warriors	14,023
Kilmory	25,534
Red Joss House	19,112
Quiet Eve	17,387
Bubbly Jack	9,614
Firestone	8,555
Veterock	13,523
Coeur de Leon	20,263
Laleham	8,084
Chilly Eve	25,550
The Sparrow	5,664
Magic	

Powhattan Club.

1st Qualifying Pony	4,088
Glenluc	10,245
Red Joss House	9,664
Kilmory	3,963
3rd Qualifying Pony	2,380
Perseus	15,551
Wedding Eve	15,523
Firestone	3,763
Tabbycat	5,176
The Brambling	3,253
Veterock	3,023
Young Bill	16,292
Pat	1,410
Quiet Eve	15,568
Bubbly Jack	2,458
2nd Qualifying Pony	3,961
Mark Over	6,974
The Field	8,848
Prince of Warriors	3,039
Black-and-Blue	3,868
Charcoal	16,299

GOLF.

RESULT OF BOGEY POOL AT FANLING.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's bogey pool at Fanling from Friday to Sunday resulted:

F. A. Redmond (6) and T. C. Monaghan (18)—2 down (divided).

Other scores:

A. B. Raworth (9) and M. M. Maas (12)—3 down.
T. D. E. Pendered (8) and J. L. Shellshar (9)—4 down.
26 shares taken out.

Golf in Borneo.

On October 29 a competition for the Sirdar Cup, 18 holes, against bogey, was played off on the Jesselton Course. There were twelve entries and (says the "Singapore Free Press" correspondent) though the first three heavy rain set in and the last nine holes were played in conditions similar to those in which

Duncan recently won the Irish Open Championship. Jesselton could not produce a Duncan and the Cup went to Rev. C. J. Collis who returned a score of 6 down.

DEMAND FOR STANDARD BALL.

The recommendation of Mr. "Bobby" Jones, British Open Golf Champion, that golf balls should have a standardised power of flight has revived a discussion which for many years has been a "bone of contention" among golfers.

Experienced players generally endorse Mr. Jones' opinion and maintain that a golf ball so standardised is the only saviour of the technique of the game. Golfers of many years' standing regard with apprehension the gradual disappearance of iron shots from the present-day game.

J. H. Taylor, one of the greatest English exponents of golf, who has won the open championship five times, agrees with Mr. "Bobby" Jones, but doubts whether such an arrangement would meet with approval from thousands of ordinary golfers. "The present golf ball does eliminate some of the finest strokes in the game," he said, "but that only applies to the expert golfer. I question whether any interference with the size, weight and power of the present golf ball would be tolerated by average players."

Greater Skill.

Sir Ernest Holderness, twice amateur champion and an international player, while not agreeing entirely with Mr. Jones, admitted that he thought a lighter and larger ball would better the game. "Such a ball," he said, "would require greater skill on the part of the player, and would also remedy to an appreciable extent the existing advantages of a long driver over a short driver."

Harry Vardon summed up his opinion in a few words. "The golfer and not the ball should make the stroke," he said. "Now it seems the ball does the thing which the golfer ought to do. A standardised ball, preferably one which reduces the length of the drive, would, in my opinion, improve the game."

An emphatic view is held by Joshua Taylor, of the Richmond Park golf course. "Golf," he said, "is becoming a game of two or three strokes, with the long hitter holding the advantage. The ingenuity of the manufacturer of golf balls is becoming a governing factor of the game, and not the skill of the player."

CRICKET.

REARRANGEMENT OF INTERPORT.

Owing to delay in the arrival of the Malaysia team, it has been necessary to revise the programme of the Interport cricket fixtures. Malaysia were originally due to reach Hong Kong on Thursday, but word has now been received that they will not be here until late on Friday.

It would hardly be fair to expect them to play against the Hong Kong team on Saturday, and therefore the game for that day will be between Hong Kong and Shanghai. The other alteration in the programme is that Hong Kong will oppose Malaysia on the dates originally fixed for their match against Shanghai—November 26 and 28.

It is the intention to play all Interport matches to a finish. In the event of the Hong Kong v. Shanghai game not concluding, owing to rain or for some other reason, on Monday next, it will be continued on Tuesday. If it is concluded before the 11th hour, then the rest of the day will be taken up with the match arranged against the Services. In the event of it not being finished by Tuesday evening, then the Services match will be cancelled. Malaysia v. Shanghai and Hong Kong v. Malaysia will also be played to a finish.

It is probable that the match arranged between Shanghai and Kowloon, in view of the latest development, will be cancelled. It may be possible, however, for Kowloon to fix up a game with Malaysia on that day.

I.R.C. "B" v. KOWLOON.

In the above League match to be played on the I.R.C. ground at 2.15 p.m. sharp on Saturday, the following will represent the I.R.C.:

Sirdar Khan (Captain), O. Rumjahn, V. T. Mans, U. T. Thad, D. Mohamad, A. Rahmin, R. Nazarin, S. A. Hussain, I. Hassan, A. Butt and J. M. Rumjahn.

SMALL BLAZE.

COMMOTION IN PHOTO SHOP.

A lot of commotion was caused at about 1.30 this morning when an alarm of fire was raised in Wyndham Street followed by a chorus of police whistles. The fire was located in a photographer's shop, from which a lot of smoke was issuing. The Fire Brigade were communicated with, but the blaze, which turned out to be a small one, was extinguished by the inmates of the house before the arrival of the fire fighters.

DARING ROBBERY.

SHOP IN QUEEN'S ROAD RANSACKED.

Three Chinese armed with revolvers and daggers carried out a daring armed robbery at the premises of the Fung Hing Company, No. 129, Queen's Road Central, last night. They thoroughly ransacked the place during a stay of about three-quarters of an hour, and finally got away with a big haul of about \$5,000 in cash.

The shop was entered by the robbers just before closing time on the pretext of purchasing some cloth. As one of the men was recognised by an assistant as a frequent customer, they were admitted without question.

Immediately upon entering the robbers did not waste any time on preliminaries, and, producing their weapons, two of them held up the shop people whilst the other secured the shop door. The shop assistants, numbering ten men altogether, were driven into a back room where they were all bound and gagged, and then the robbers began their search of the premises. They were on the look out only for money and passed by the various rolls of valuable cloth and other articles forming the stock of the shop.

Some time elapsed after the robbers' departure before the shop people were able to release themselves and give the alarm, and by this time the robbers had got clear away.

The police were quickly in the shop carrying out investigations, and within an hour of the time the alarm reached Central Police Station, two of the suspects were in custody as the result of a smart and prompt piece of detective work. A part of the stolen money has also been recovered. The third man is still at large, but the Police are confident that he will be apprehended.

The two arrested men were taken into custody by the police on the Po Tak wharf as they were about to board a Canton wharf. Money found on them totalled \$1,476.65.



MONEY & SHARES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Bank 4 months' sight 2 1/4
Credits 4 months' sight 2 1/4
Documentary 4 months' sight 2 1/4

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Credits 4 months' sight 1325

On Berlin—

On demand 49 1/2
Credits 60 days' sight 51

On Bombay—

On demand 135
On Calcutta—

On demand 135
On Singapore—

On demand 87 1/2
On Manila—

On demand 99
On Shanghai—

On demand 78 1/2
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New York 43 7/8

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Geneva 25.27

Amsterdam 12.07 1/2

Milan 89 3/4

Berlin 20.42

Stockholm 18.10

Copenhagen 18.13

Oslo 18.45

Vienna 84.52 1/2

Prague 164.4

Helsingfors 193 1/2

Madrid 28.70

Lisbon 2 27/64

Athens 370

Bucharest 785

Rio 5 57/64

Buenos Aires 47 1/2

Bombay 1/5 15/16

Shanghai 2/7

Hong Kong 2 1/2

Yokohama 2 1/2

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THE SHARE MARKET.

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T.T. on London 2 1/4

T.T. on Shanghai 78 1/2

Bank.

Hongkong Bank \$118 1/2

Chartered Bank \$120

Mercantile & C. B. \$113 1/2

P. & O. Bank \$110

Bank of East Asia \$82

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Union Insurance \$72 1/2

North China Insurance \$745

Yangtze Insurance \$1,445 1/2

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RADIO TOPICS

BROADCASTING.

BRITISH OR AMERICAN
 METHODS.

A question that will soon come up for answer is that of the type of broadcasting most suitable for Australia—whether we are to have one station and one service per capital city, or a multiplicity of services. In England to-day the former class of service is provided, while in America and, in a modified degree, in Australia the latter obtains. The recent Royal Commission on wireless heard various opinions on the subject, and quite probably will have something to say on it in their report—a report, by the way, which appears to be overdue for public scrutiny. Many witnesses strongly supported the idea of multiple services as at present in Sydney and Melbourne—but just as many wanted only one service per city (writes "Ray Dole" of SLO). The arguments in favour of the one service crystallise into the capacity of one company to provide a better service if it gets all the revenue than could be given by two companies who share the revenue. Secondly, the proponents of this single station idea contend that interference would be reduced, if not eliminated, for crystal listeners. Perhaps the strongest argument in favour of it is that pertaining to the service to be given by relay stations in the country districts. It would be more economical to relay and rebroadcast one service than two services simultaneously. The objectors to this scheme contend that the English system, which provides for only one station for London, is not suitable for Australia. They say that such a monopoly is not desirable, and that listeners should have the facility of changing from one local station to another for alternative programmes. Are Class "B" Stations Necessary? But the multiplicity of class "B" stations is the point I had in mind in writing. We are told that satisfactory reception in Sydney is particularly difficult owing to the number of "B" class stations. Now these stations may be regarded as providing sectional services—for commercial, political, or religious publicity. The Government authorities apparently do not restrict the number of such stations, and it is conceivable that some embarrassment will be experienced in drawing the line. One section will be able to justify a claim for the privilege of a licence if its rival organisation has been granted such a privilege, and the result would undoubtedly be objectionable from the point of view of the listener. He pays for a service to be given by two "A" class stations. And the companies or the Government which demand the payment of a subscription in the form of a licence have an obligation to the listener in addition to that of providing a service. That obligation is to keep the ether reasonably free for the uninterrupted reception of the paid services. Any great increase in the number of stations operating at the same time makes the chances of uninterrupted reception by average sets more and more difficult. The proposal by the State Government in Sydney to add more stations, apparently for sectional purposes—departmental correspondence or for the dissemination of propaganda—is therefore to be deplored. At all events, it should be very carefully investigated. In Melbourne we are more fortunate in regard to the number of stations, and the reception of SLO is not subjected to the same degree of possible interference that may obtain in Sydney. There are "B" class stations and other wireless stations "on the air" at the same time, but probably not as many as in Sydney. It looks as if the scheme of sectional broadcasting is not desirable if the primary services—those for which the listener pays—are interfered with, and that the scheme of two alternative services is desirable. "The Queenslander."

RECEIVING SETS.

GREAT VARIETY IN
 USE.

Probably no country has the variety of receivers that we have in Australia; variety, that is, in the sources of supply. In addition to many very excellent Australian-made sets, there is a wide choice available of imported sets and components. It looks as if the American imports exceed those of all other countries, both in complete sets and component parts—Europe has been about 18 to 24 months behind America in the development and production of wireless receivers until recently. Now there are signs of Europe catching up in progress. Not all of the European countries show that progressive tendency, of course. The countries where radio seems to have won the public popularity most widely are Great Britain, Germany and Russia. Strangely enough, France is not as well to the fore as might be expected.

Some may deplore the fact that so much radio material is imported. They would like to see manufactures grow in Australia to such an extent that foreign sets would be unnecessary. However admirable a policy it is to encourage a new secondary industry—and of course it is admirable and desirable—the progress of broadcasting should not suffer thereby. It is stated by some proponents of that policy that a practically prohibition tariff should be placed on foreign sets, so as to allow the local industry to be developed.

That policy might be carried too far; the general public may not have the facilities now available of making a selection from a wide range of designs from different countries. It is desirable to allow listeners and home constructors to keep up with the advance of radio in countries where millions of pounds can be spent on research and development. That could be done, and the same reasonable facilities be given to Australian manufacturers.

British Policy.

Britain started off in 1922 by blocking the importation of sets for two years, and it is doubtful if the policy was a wise one for the public generally. Since that barrier was removed, the British manufacturers found that they could give more attention to the manufacture of sets for export as well as for local use, but the British export trade in radio is being challenged severely by Germany; it always was, of course, by America.

The export figures for 1925 and 1926 show a steady advance by Germany, and a decline both by Britain and America. Americans exported \$2,042,000 worth of radio goods in 1925, while in 1926 it decreased to \$1,813,000. Great Britain's figures for the same years were \$1,280,000 in 1925, and \$1,266,000 in 1926. Germany, on the other hand, showed an increase as follows: 1925, exports amounted to \$1,478,000; 1926 the figures were \$1,581,000.

It looks as if Germany is making a determined bid for the export trade. There are not many German sets so far being tuned into SLO, Melbourne, but apparently the sets are being manufactured in quantity, and sent to other countries. We can safely rely on Australian traders to see to it that German sets, if they do come in, are of efficient design and economical price. "The Queenslander."

WHEN DREADED CROUP COMES.

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A TALK ON WAVES.

SOME HINTS FOR THE
 BEGINNER.

The beginner is earnestly requested to exhibit no impatience. We can quite understand the enthusiasm of those who, having embraced radio as their hobby, want to learn a lot in a little time. But we must urge them to proceed slowly, because if articles of this character are to be of any use they must be comprehensive and so couched that everything is understood as it is dealt with. In our previous article we said something about wireless waves. There is yet more to say ere we can pass to other subjects. We feel certain that if every wireless constructor thoroughly appreciated the functioning of the aerial which receives he would get far better reception than he usually does. There would not be any extensive aerials, for instance, nor would distant stations be expected when poor indoor aerials constitute the only antenna system it may be possible to arrange.

We have shown how energy or waves sent out from an aerial radiate throughout the ether. Ignoring the term "energy" for the moment, we will use the more familiar designation "wave" when endeavouring to demonstrate how the receiving aerial deals with radio-frequency oscillations. Let us suppose that a single wave strikes a receiving aerial. As it does so, and as its crest arrives, there is an oscillation on the part of the aerial as the wave makes its way to earth. When the trough which exists between the crests of two waves arrives, the current passing from aerial to earth reverses its direction and passes from earth to aerial.

High-Frequency Currents. As hundreds of thousands of oscillations are occurring, this backwards and forwards movement is taking place at very high frequency. In fact, the currents dealt with are high-frequency or H.F. currents, rushing to and fro between the wire that forms the aerial and the connection to actual earth.

If there is a clear passage between aerial and earth, this backwards and forwards movement can occur easily. If there is any resistance or obstruction in the aerial-earth system, the efficiency of the system is impaired. Our readers will now understand how it is that we so frequently advise a good earth no less than a good aerial, and they will understand, too, why we frequently suggest a thick earth lead which has a natural low resistance.

The receiving aerial is subject, as we have shown, to very rapid alternations or reversals of current, and these alternations must synchronise with the alternations that occur in the transmitting aerial before the station concerned can be regarded as tuned.

It is here that we can explain the meaning of waves more clearly. In the case of a long wave, the crest of one is further away from the crest of another than would be the case if the waves were short. Thus the aerial reverses its current more slowly because it takes longer for the crests and hollows or troughs to succeed one another. The frequency, therefore, is less.

Short waves succeed each other rapidly; crest and hollow succeed each other at greater speed; the aerial-earth currents reverse more rapidly. The frequency is then said to be greater.

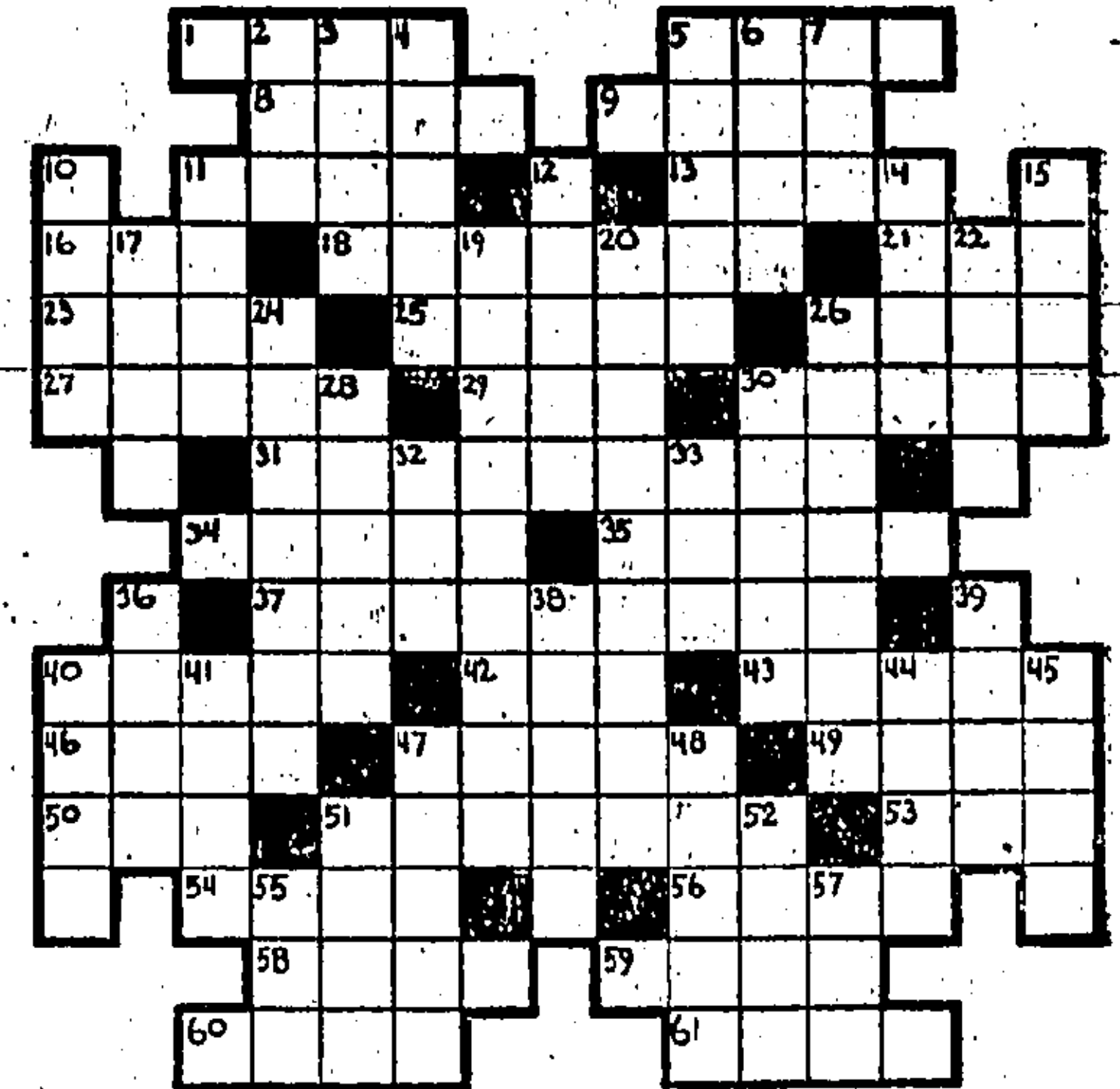
When the aerial is tuned to receive a long wave, it throbs, or oscillates, in sympathy with the aerial of the station transmitting it. Waves sent out from other stations, and of different length, are not tuned; consequently, the set does, or should, ignore them. This is how station separation, or elimination, is brought about.

Altering Aerial Length. Now the way in which an aerial can be tuned to throb or oscillate so as to be in sympathy with the transmitting aerial is to alter its length. A short aerial will tune easily to a short wave, whilst a long aerial will tune more easily to a long wave. But as it would be impossible to employ a different aerial for every different wavelength, other means have to be adopted to shorten or lengthen the aerial used, as may be required.

The operator could, in theory, climb up his poles and adjust the length of his wire until it exactly suited the wave being received, or desired. In practice, however, this method would be highly inconvenient, especially on a winter's night. Nor is it necessary.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, alms, and nitro.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Cozy
- 5-What is the Alpine wild goat called?
- 8-Precious stone.
- 9-Which is the largest continent?
- 11-A native of Arabia
- 13-A food fish
- 16-Non-fruit
- 18-A shrub whose leaves are used for tanning (pl.)
- 21-Fish eggs
- 23-The skin of fruit
- 25-A scripture proper name
- 26-A moment
- 27-What Norwegian composer wrote "Peer Gynt Suite"?
- 29-A knight's title
- 30-Domesticated
- 31-The act of making null, as a judgment
- 34-The Greek letter P
- 35-Rows
- 37-Empire in N. E. Africa
- 40-Great lake in E. Africa
- 42-Suffix. Resembling
- 43-To long for
- 46-One of the Great Lakes
- 47-A gnat

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 49-Pulled
- 50-Watery
- 51-A fabric with glossy surface (pl.)
- 53-Anger
- 54-What is the first dinner course?
- 55-Lifeless
- 58-Unoccupied
- 59-Affright
- 60-Otherwise
- 61-A drink of spirits

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 20-What is a charge for a firearm enclosed in a case called?
- 22-A prophetic sign
- 24-To die
- 26-What is a large drinking-cup?
- 28-What Roman emperor was killed by his soldiers in 69, A. D.?
- 30-Bracing
- 32-Small ball on the eyelid
- 33-Suffix, name as "an"
- 36-What was the ancient poet's harp called?
- 38-What are the lateral parts of an object?
- 39-Always
- 40-What is fresh information concerning recent events?
- 41-Small islands in inland waters
- 44-Barren and dry
- 45-Large pitcher
- 47-What northern tree produces sugar?
- 51-Spongy water
- 52-To dry up
- 55-To lubricate
- 57-A constellation

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

EWES	DRUB	STAR
RAVE	EAISE	POLO
IDEA	VIATED	ROOT
CERTAIN	ELINTES	
ELL	AWAY	
ABODE	SI	PETAL
MAP	SPERM	DOLE
ORAL	AREAS	RAT
SERIAL	ED	TRESS
DIES	TEE	
SPADED	COPPER	
LOGE	GOAT	EDEN
USER	GEASE	LINA
MESS	SETS	STOP

We now have to employ other means wherever we can further alter the aerial's wavelength to a nicety. It must now be altered so precisely that stations ten metres away from each other can be separated. To do this we use a variable condenser, which is shunted across the aerial coil. And when a station is tuned in the oscillations or waves that occur in the receiving system are in exact sympathy with similar oscillations that occur in the transmitting system. The electrical and unseen link between transmitter and receiver is complete. Radio communication is nearly established. What needs to be done further before signals can be received will be the subject of further articles. —Glasgow Weekly Herald.

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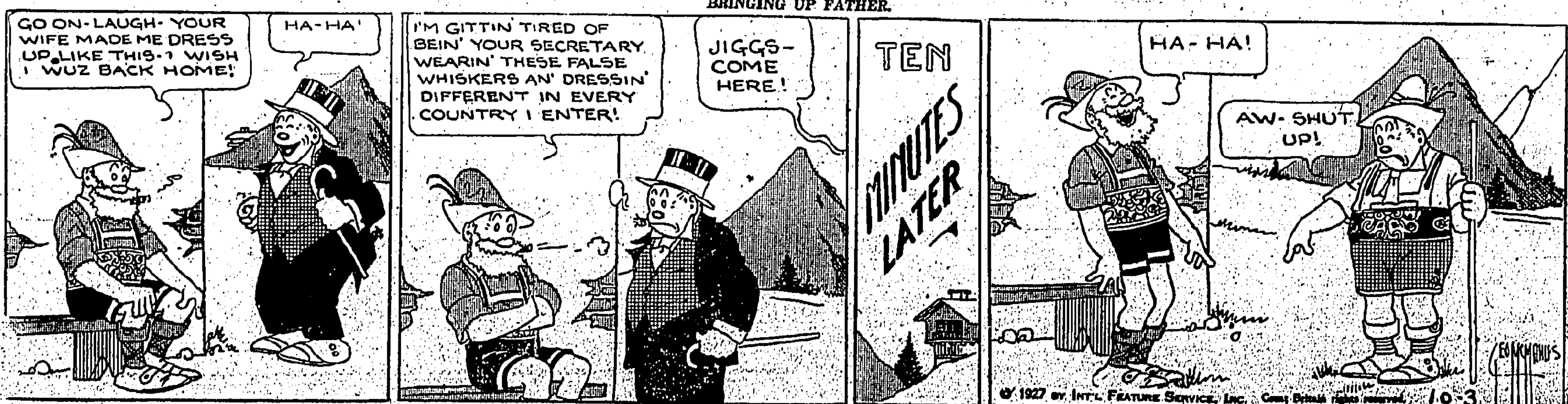
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LINK WITH RALEIGH.

VIRGINIA'S GIFT TO MIDDLE
TEMPLE.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

In the Parliament Chamber of the Middle Temple, behind the ancient hall where Sir Walter Raleigh and his contemporaries used to dine a ceremony was enacted recently which served to recall the centuries-old link between the American State of Virginia and the Middle Temple through the former's founder.

Last March the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia passed the following resolution:—

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the General Assembly that the library of the ancient Middle Temple of the Inns of Court does not contain a set of the Official Reports of the Virginia Court of Appeals, and that a set of the Reports will be highly appreciated not only from the standpoint of utility, but of sentiment, if officially presented by the State of Virginia. Now therefore be it resolved by the House of Delegates, the State concurring, that the Governor be authorized and requested to forward a set of the Reports... to the ancient Middle Temple of the Inns of Court, accompanied by a letter from the Governor making formal presentation thereof in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The 147 volumes of the law reports accompanied by a letter of good wishes from the Governor of Virginia, Mr. H. F. Byrd, were formally handed over to the keeping of the Middle Temple librarian, Mr. H. A. C. Sturges, by Mr. Ivor Page, representing the State of Virginia. Mr. A. Macmorgan, K.C., the master treasurer, presiding, the other Benchers present being Mr. Hoher Hart, K.C., Mr. H. C. S. Dumas, and Mr. L. de Gruyther, K.C.

In presenting the volumes, Mr. Page introduced himself as an Englishman born who had been in practice at the Virginia Bar for nearly 42 years. His State in making the gift had in mind the sentiment which bound it to the ancient and honorable Society of the Middle Temple, to the hallowed precincts of which he had come with almost a feeling of awe. Virginia was enjoying the protection now of what the English took with them to Jamestown in 1607—namely, English law and procedure. Many Americans and Virginians had been called to the Bar at this Inn of Court. From the year 1697 when Benjamin Harrison (afterwards Attorney-General of Virginia) was called to the Bar here, until 1785, when Robert Alexander was entered, no fewer than 34 Virginians were entered or called at the Middle Temple. They included William Byrd, a lineal ancestor of the present Governor. If there was one outstanding figure in the Middle Temple, to whom Virginia in particular was indebted it was Blackstone, whose commentaries had been the beginning of legal studies in America for many generations. The speaker came from Virginia, the birthplace of statesmen, jurists, and soldiers, and a land of chivalry, to offer this mark of appreciation to the Middle Temple and England for the part they had taken in shaping her destinies. He came from a State which was the native land of Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Madison, Woodrow Wilson, Robert E. Lee, "Stonewall" Jackson, Thomas Nelson Page, and many others who had made history, to bring this token to be retained in the library as a memorial that Virginia was reaching out her hand both as a State and a Bar, hoping that it might be grasped as a pledge of a closer fraternity.

Mr. Sturges, the librarian, read a letter from Lord Phillimore expressing his personal appreciation of the present to the Inn, and a letter from Mr. Bruce Williamson, the historian of the Temple, suggesting that the record of the admission to the Middle Temple of Raleigh should be shown to the Virginian visitor. The old register was produced, showing the following entry:—

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Mr. Sturges said that the Inn possessed the finest collection of American law reports in the whole of Great Britain, and during the last two years he had been able to fill many gaps, thanks largely to the help of Mr. Barnett Hollander, a member of the Inn and of the New York Bar. Mr. W. H. McGrann, of the New York Bar, and other American lawyers.

Mr. Macmorgan, in acknowledging the gift on behalf of the Inn, said that the proceedings would be recorded and reported to the next Bench Parliament. They regarded this gift from the State of Virginia to the Middle Temple with the greatest satisfaction not only on account of its value, but as a testimony to the cordial relationship between the Inn and Virginia and, indeed, between the two countries.

Mr. Page was presented by the Treasurer with signed copies of Mr. Williamson's "History of the Temple" and Mr. Justice MacCardie's recent "Reading on the Law, the Advocate, and the Judge."

QUACKS.

CORONER'S STRICTURES IN
SINGAPORE.

ACTION NEEDED.

The death at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore, on October 21 of a Chinese who had, a few days previous to his admission to the hospital, consumed a bottle of "medicine" which he had purchased from a Japanese, was the subject of an enquiry by the Coroner, Hope Falkner, Singapore, on November 1.

Medical evidence showed that the deceased, at the time of his admission to hospital, was suffering from some form of corrosive poisoning and the post mortem examination confirmed this. The Government analyst reported that there was a small trace of mercury in the specimens he examined.

In his statement to the Police, the Chinese stated that he was suffering from a stomach ache and therefore bought a bottle of some medicine from a Japanese who was selling the medicine on the street. He drank the contents of the bottle there and then and at once collapsed. Somebody took him to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

Endless Restrictions.
In bringing in a verdict of death from corrosive poisoning, the Coroner said:

"With reference to the present fatality it may be of interest to point out that fully qualified chemists are subjected to endless restrictions and regulations for the protection of their customers; while the majority of the population is left unprotected against a pestilential horde of unscrupulous poison mongers and unqualified 'chemists' who are practically free to do as they please.

Comparatively few fatal cases attributable to the 'great unqualified' come before the Courts; and on those rare occasions when the police are able to apprehend a malefactor it is notoriously difficult to convict him under existing circumstances. From one's own professional knowledge of the psychology of Singapore and the activities of quacks and charlatans, it seems highly probable that quite a number of deaths by poisoning are concealed by fraudulent death certificates—or the body of the deceased is otherwise disposed of by those who fear the consequences of a Coroner's inquiry.

This anomalous position leaves ignorant impostors free to sell drugs and poisons throughout the Straits Settlements without any semblance of control; and the following measures are respectfully suggested to oppose a serious menace to the population (1) Asiatic communities should be warned in this connection by propaganda suitable to their intelligence; (2) Existing laws should be rigorously enforced and amendments to meet the situation could be considered by the Government in conference with the British Medical Association; (3) Certain qualified persons employ what are little better than ignorant coolies for the dispensing of drugs. They should be called on to cease this practice forthwith and where they are already served by unqualified assistants of experience the latter should be directed to give reasonable proof of their efficiency and be registered provisionally; (4) After a given time limit, to be fixed by Government, it should be unlawful for unqualified or unregistered persons to dispense drugs intended for internal use.

These people should be given to understand quite clearly what the consequences to them will be if they are found to possess—for the purposes of sale—any class of drug or nostrum whatsoever.

As the scandal has now reached grave proportions it is to be hoped that the authorities referred to may be induced to consider that half-measures are worse than useless for the protection of an unsuspecting public in Singapore and the Straits Settlements generally.

WHEN HER CHILD IS TEETHING.

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SKYSCRAPER DRAMA.

THREE MEN KILLED BY A
CRAZED MAN.

AFFRAY IN LAWYER'S OFFICE.

Three deaths occurred as the result of a murderous affray in a lawyer's office, which has provided New York with another "front-page sensation."

According to the story pieced together by the police a crazed man, obsessed with the idea that he had been tricked in a petty real estate deal where the sum in dispute was only £100, suddenly opened fire with a revolver during a conference at his lawyer's office in Forty-Fourth Street on September 6.

When he ran out of the office and escaped a few moments later two men lay dead, and a third was wounded so badly that he died later.

One of the victims was the man's own lawyer; the other two were a real estate broker and his legal adviser.

This strange crime is made even more extraordinary by the fact that the lawyer in whose office it occurred was found crushed on the pavement nine storeys below his office window. It is surmised by the police that he either jumped out of the window in a panic-stricken attempt to escape the slayer's bullets, or crawled out on the window ledge and was pushed off. Two men in the street were struck by the body as it hurtled through the air, and one was taken to hospital unconscious with a fractured spine.

DIAMONDS GALORE.

SHOWN IN A LONDON
WINDOW.

Heaps of diamonds worth £150,000 were lying in an office window recently in Holborn Viaduct. They represented part of nine months' work in the holdings of the United Diamond Fields of British Guiana, Limited.

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Diamond mining is a new industry in British Guiana. It is carried on under primitive conditions and only recently has a system of washing by power-driven pans been introduced by this company, which operates along the Mazurini River.

TACITURN SCOTS.

NO EMOTION IN AEROPLANE
STUNT.

The comparisons recently drawn between English and Scottish theatre audiences in regard to the habit of applauding in the middle of a scene have moved a correspondent to send me the following appropriate anecdote of Mrs. Siddons' experiences when she was playing Lady Macbeth in Edinburgh.

The first two acts went down in dead silence and, when it came to the sleep-walking scene the great actress put forth all her powers, vowing before she went on that if that did not rouse them she would throw up her engagement. She had her reward. As the curtain descended one voice was heard to exclaim "That's not bad."

That reminds me of the taciturn Scot who was taken up in an aeroplane with a friend by an airman who wagged that he would make him speak. A series of hair-raising stunts failed, however, to move him, and as they alighted the airman exclaimed: "Well, you've won." "Aye," was the reply, "but when my friend fell out I was varra near losin' the bet."—Peter Simple in M.P.

KILLED BY WILD PIG.

Kayan, an Igorot residence of Mountain province, was killed in a fight with a wild pig near Bontoc according to reports received by the Manila constabulary.

Kayan is truly a martyr. While walking through a camote plantation a few nights ago Kayan heard the hissing of a wild boar. On investigating he found the wild pig trapped in a pitfall. In attempting to rescue the pig he fell in the pit. Kayan lost the battle.

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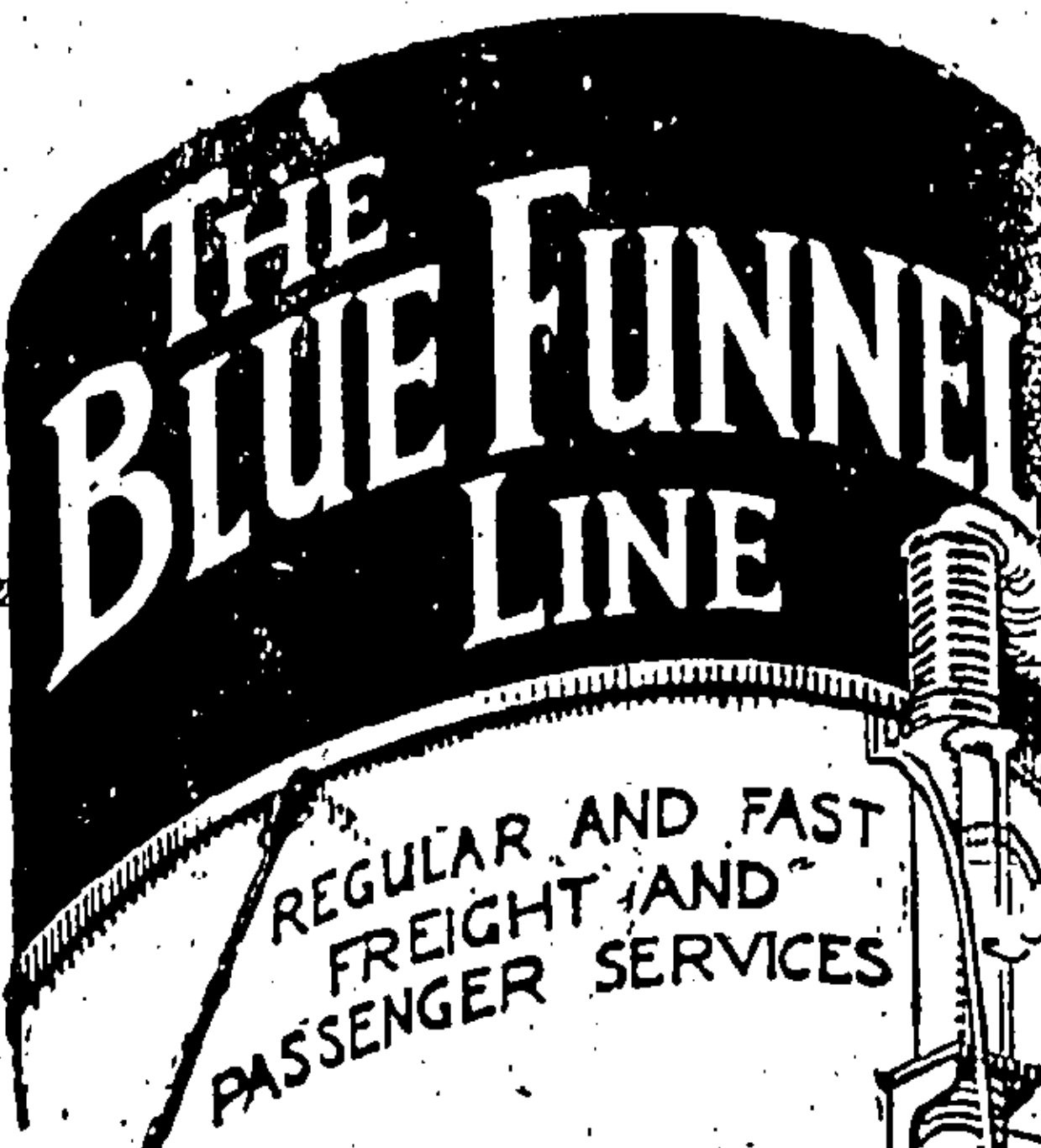
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Shanghai	Santhia.	
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Amoy	Talamba.	
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Samshui & Wuchow	Wing Hung	4 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16		
Japan	Oakbridge	10.30 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Cremer	12.30 p.m.
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17		
Amoy & Formosa via Swatow	Dall	8.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi & Hapshong	Nowchwang	10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Namsang.	
Java via Batavia	Tjikarang	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18		
Japan	Tango Maru	9.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 11.30 a.m. Letters 12.30 p.m.	Talamba.	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Ning	1 p.m.
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19		
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CANTON'S BOYCOTT.

Scathing Comment From Shanghai.

PROCEDURE QUESTIONED.

Grave Questions For Canton To Answer.

Although there are signs that the Canton authorities are restraining the boycott pickets in Canton, the following editorial in the "China Press," of Shanghai, of November 6, is still of considerable interest:—

Evidently, experience in this world teaches some people nothing. One would have supposed that the Cantonese boycotters, warned by the loss in revenue, work and all that goes to make a prosperous state of society, that accrued to them through the last boycott, would be willing to write it off as a total loss and not try it again, yet here we have a Reuter cable stating that Canton again is permeated with pickets who are confiscating British goods and searching passengers who arrive on steamers to see whether they have brought British goods into the sacred precincts of Canton.

And the question at once arises: What have the British done now that their goods should be barred from a port which was opened by treaty so many years ago? Another question also arises as to the right of the Cantonese, under that treaty, to put bars across the trade of any friendly nation which is supposed to enjoy the privileges of that treaty? Is not the Cantonese Government responsible to anyone or is it as lawless as the robbers and pirates of Bias Bay? These are grave questions, which Canton may have to answer sooner than it thinks, for acts such as these can readily be construed into declarations of war—in which interpretation Canton would be well advised to act warily.

It all seems so senseless, these boycotts against a nation that certainly has shown itself to be long-suffering since no retaliation has as yet been made, but patience is a virtue that hangs by a pretty slender thread, and if that thread were to snap, down might come a sword of vengeance that would make Canton shudder for several decades. China—including Canton—has guaranteed freedom for trade to all the nations that are now on her shores. But if a boycott—allowed, if not sanctioned, by the semblance of government that prevails—is put into force by those whom the Government should control, what answer can be made?

This particular boycott does not seem to be dictated by the merchants, for naturally, they want to buy British goods to replenish their slender stores. It is the hooligan labour element and if the cables are based upon trustworthy information, that particular section of society is being goaded on by certain political leaders, "who for their own party ends, require as much support as they can get." Rather disgraceful, is it not, for politicians who claim to have the best interests of their country at heart to instigate such flagrant violation of the treaties? Fine rulers they would be were power to govern all China ever given into their hands!

For three years now, both Britain and Japan have been harassed by this foolishness on the part of Canton, and it would seem about time for some astute statesman to suggest a remedy. The only one which seems to be uppermost in people's minds is the meeting of force with force and treating Canton as a Bias Bay on a larger scale, but this is not along lines of modern diplomacy, which is ever seeking a peaceful solution—but when peace fails, what is one to do?

ISLAND MASSACRE.

REBELS PRACTICALLY HEMMED IN.

Sydney, Yesterday. The personnel of the naval supply-ship, which has returned from the Solomon Isles, foreshadow the early return of the cruiser "Adelaide."

They declare that the volunteers and antagonistic natives have practically hemmed in the rebellious tribes.—Reuter.

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Sexagenarian Princess's Complaints.

SCANDALOUS ARTICLES.

Insulting Letter Received Daily.

Bonn, Sunday. Riding on the pillion of her fiancé's motor cycle is among the pleasures indulged in by the Sexagenarian Princess Victoria.

Interviewed by Reuter, she explained that the ex-Kaiser, who in any case was not the head of the Schaumburg-Lippe family, withdrew his approval of her marriage in consequence of scandalous newspaper articles.

The Princess bitterly complained of hundreds of insulting letters she receives daily—many of them anonymous.

"I am only too glad to have someone protect and love me and will be only too glad to fulfil my husband's wishes."

M. Zoubkoff, her fiancé, admitted the disparity in ages, but added:

"Every woman would like to be as young as the Princess no matter how old she actually is in years."

The Princess keeps fit by dancing, tennis, swimming, and walking.—Reuter.

The "Romance" in Brief. Alexander Zoubkoff, the 29-year-old son of a minor Russian noble family, whose marriage shortly to Princess Schaumburg-Lippe will give him the ex-Kaiser as a brother-in-law, has issued an indignant denial of the report that he once earned his living as a dancing partner and wishes the statement contradicted as it "annoys the Princess."

He insists also on a correction of his age—"he is not twenty-three but twenty-eight." The bride, who is sixty-two, bitterly complains of Press attacks as regards the disparity in age and says that experience compensates him for what he lacks in age.

Berlin, Nov. 5.

It is stated that the ex-Kaiser informed his sister ex-Princess Victoria that if she marries Alexander Zoubkoff he will break off all relations.

It is reported from Bonn that the ecclesiasticals have intimated that they will not permit the marriage in the Church as they regard it as "unethical" owing to the disparity in ages.

The registry ceremony is expected to take place at Bonn on November 24.

MEXICAN OUTRAGE.

BOMBS FOR EX-PRESIDENT OBREGON.

ASSAILANTS ARRESTED.

New Mexico, Yesterday. Ex-President Obregon (who is a candidate for the Presidency) while driving to a bullfight, was attacked by a bystander who fired two bombs at his car.

Obregon escaped with cuts from the broken glass, but his companions were seriously injured. Two attackers and a third man were arrested.—Reuter's American Service.

Arms for Nicaragua.

New York, Yesterday. "The New York American" reproduces the facsimile of a document purporting to be an order signed by the Mexican President Calles authorising the payment of 100,000 pesos to Zepeda for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Liberal Revolutionary Army for the Nicaragua.—Reuter.

DR. NANSEN.

MEDAL FROM AMERICAN EXPLORERS.

Oslo, Sunday. At a dinner at the American Legation, the American Minister presented Dr. Nansen with a medal from the Explorers' Club, of New York.—Reuter.

FLYING BOATS.

ARRIVAL AT HENJAM ISLAND.

Bushire, Yesterday. The Air Force Far Eastern flying boats have arrived at Henjam Island, in the Persian Gulf from Bushire.—Reuter.

"SQUEEZE!"

Canton Pickets Under Suspicion.

MALADMINISTRATION RIFE.

Two Boycott Societies May Be Disbanded.

Chinese institutions which have adversely affected foreign trade have come under the attention of the Canton authorities.

Maladministration by those in charge has led to discussion in Canton official circles which may lead to the disbandment of the Anti-British and Anti-Japanese Boycott Societies.

It is alleged that persons, under guise of maintaining the boycott, have engaged in the landing of merchandise for their own benefit, taking unfair advantage of abnormal conditions.

Pickets are under suspicion of having allegedly taken "squeeze" to pass through imports on which the owners are willing to pay.

Prestige of Moderates.

The Boycott Societies are supposed to be voluntary organisations formed at public meetings representative of all classes of the people, and without any Government support.

Activities by the boycott pickets have decreased during the last few days. The prestige of the Moderates, under General Li Chai-sum, who is the commander-in-chief, is increasing daily and the majority of merchants hope that steps will be taken, while the influence of Leftists and extremists is at a discount, to wind up the Boycott Societies.

Dosing Restrictions Off? After refraining from calling at the port for several months, Hong Kong (West River) steamboats flying the British flag may touch at Dosing again.

Dosing is on the way to Wuchow. Officialness on the part of officials of the local depot of the Anti-Smuggling Bureau, who insisted on searching all ships, caused the Hong Kong boats to pass the port over.

News has been received that a new local director has been appointed to the depot and that this official is notifying steamboat agents that orders for searching are being relaxed.

Seamen Draw Bonus. Opinion in Canton is that the authorities will grant no extension to the period fixed for paying out the demobilisation bonus to strikers whose names remain on the register of the "Canton-Hong Kong Strike Association."

It has been pointed out that a large number of the strikers were seamen on ocean-going vessels and that these men, now at sea, will not be back in time.

Information from seamen's boarding-houses in Hong Kong is that a number of ex-strikers who happen to be here now have proceeded to Canton to draw their bonus of \$100 (part cash and part bonds).

Hong Kong Rice Junks. No solution has yet been found for dealing with the attacks on rice junks going up the Canton River from Hong Kong.

Local rice merchants have petitioned the Canton Government to post gunboats at strategic points along Chinese waterways.

According to the "Hong Kong Evening Post," the Canton authorities are not in a position to promise permanent protection and feel that a feeling of false security may be created.

The merchants, continues the report, are in negotiation with a syndicate which has a number of armed junks whose business it is to escort cargo craft and to fight pirates with their obsolete but nevertheless effective armament.

RACING SEAPLANE.

WINNER OF THE SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

TO BE PUBLICLY EXHIBITED AT HOME.

Rugby, Yesterday. The racing seaplane, Supermarine Napier 85, on which Flight-Lieutenant Webster won the Schneider Trophy at Venice, is due to arrive in London Docks to-day.

Arrangements have been made for a public exhibition of the seaplane towards the end of the week and, later, an attempt will be made on the Trophy machine to beat the world's speed record.—British Wireless Service.

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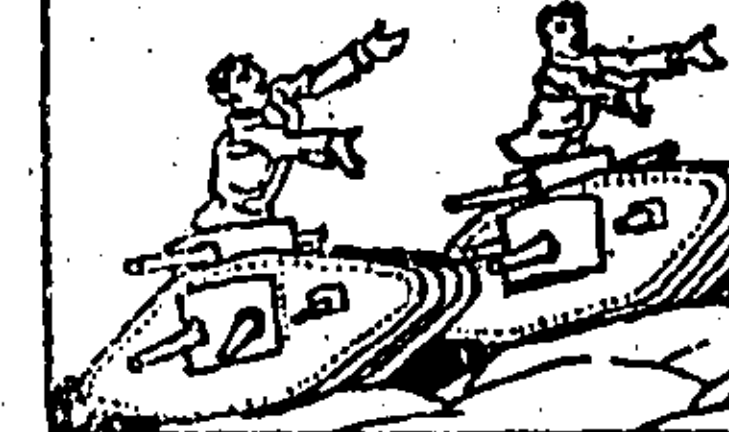
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